WEATHER SYNOPSIS

The barometer is rising on the Coast, and unsettled weather has been general over this Province. Zero temperatures continue in the Prairies, accompanied with light snowfalls in Alberta.

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SCHOLARSHIP PLAN TO AID EX-SOLDIERS

Hon. J. Hinchliffe Says Bill Will Be Proposed to Provide for Children of Ex-Service Men at School

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR WELL RECEIVED

Veterans of All Arms of Service Gather at Annual Reunion of Army and Navy Unit

HON. J. Hinchliffe, Minister of Education, speaking at the annual dinner of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Victoria Unit, last evening, made an interesting statement on education of returned men's children.

While in Saskatchewan recently, he said he had learned of certain legislation in that province whereby children of dead or disabled comrades would be assisted in the matter of higher education. It had been found in that province that many children desired to take advantage of the high school course, but were unable to do so through lack of funds. The Government had stepped in and were now awarding scholarships to deserving children of former soldiers. It seemed so good a thing that during the past few weeks he had been devoting some time to the drafting of a bill which would be introduced at the next session of the Legislature, providing for the education of children of ex-service men who could not afford to pay for it. This would not stop at high school but would enable the children of fathers who sacrificed themselves for the sake of the country to complete the Normal course, if they so desire. Next year he hoped to see a certain number of school children, sons and daughters of soldiers, receiving $25 a month in the way of assistance.

GOOD CHARACTER

The Minister said: "The future of British Columbia will only be as great as the character of the people who make it their home permits. The ex-service organizations have a great opportunity in the building up of the province." He was proud of the manner in which the members of the various ex-service organizations were taking up the obligations of civil life. He would like them to understand that the returned men were not altogether forgotten, even in quarters where thoughts of them might seem to have disappeared.

Looking forward to a great future for British Columbia, the Minister of Education concluded: "If the people will assist in building up a loyalty towards the province and the Empire, their children's children would be the possessors of a glorious heritage, setting the world an example in the paths of peace and

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From the Colonist Tower

Tuesday, Dec. 17

THE WEATHER

Victoria and Vicinity: Fresh to high south and west winds, partly cloudy and mild with occasional rain.

Sun Rises: 8:00 o'clock.
Sun Sets: 4:19 o'clock.

High Tide: 1:09 p.m., 10.5 feet.
Low Tide: 10:00 p.m., 9.2 feet.

Sports

Victoria Schools' soccer team wins Fragments of France Cup by defeating Oak Bay in final.
Saturday and Wednesday all-star soccer teams for Christmas match announced.
Vancouver Lions defeat Bucks to take lead in P.C.H.L.
Art Shires soundly whipped in five-round bout with former Notre Dame footballer.

The News

Local and Provincial—
Hon. N. S. Lougheed continues negotiations for return of railway lands to British Columbia.
Seven-thousand-dollar auditorium to be built at Sir James Douglas School.
City seeking private act to protect watershed.
Hon. J. Hinchliffe, Minister of Education, explains scheme for education of children of veterans by scholarship system.
Dominion, Imperial and Foreign—
Hatry crash in Great Britain expected to be worst in British financial annals.
Federal Government sees no necessity as yet to interfere in unemployment question.
Consuls taking journey to Manchuria hear that conditions not as bad as have been stated.
Japan is prepared to make considerable naval sacrifices as long as she is allowed submarine fleet.

Famous Jail at Auburn

The Photograph Here Shows Auburn Prison, at Auburn, N.Y., the Scene of Convict Uprising in Which Eight Convicts and One Warder Lost Their Lives. Three Turkneys Are in a Critical Condition.

Principals in Penticton Affair Cannot Be Deprived Of Right to Carry Arms

HON. R. H. Pooley, Attorney-General, met the criticism which had been leveled at him in consequence of the fact that licences to carry guns had been issued to Mr. Charles E. Oliver and Dr. V. E. Latimer, the principals concerned in the criminal proceedings which have been launched at Penticton.

The statement of Mr. Pooley is that he has nothing whatever to do with the matter. Under the criminal code the authority lies with the magistrate in such a matter. He is the authority in case it is sought to have permission to carry a gun fearing bodily harm, and that is evidently what took place in Penticton.

There is nothing in the code which permits of an appeal in such cases being made to the Attorney-General.

A request was telegraphed to Mr. Pooley from the Penticton Council asking that he interfere in the matter.

CANNOT BE DONE

This is a course that is not open to the Attorney-General, says Mr. Pooley, who pointed out that the magistrate it appeared before in this instance had called in the chief of police of Penticton, who had approved of the issuing of the licence to these men to carry guns.

The ground upon which the desire to go about armed was based was that there had been anonymous letters received by the two men threatening them with violence.

Mr. Pooley is not favorable to the

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TROUBLE WITH MINERS ENDED IN BLOODSHED

Four Thousand Striking Men Tried to Rush Australian Mines But Are Prevented by Police

LABOR PREMIER TO TRY ARBITRATION

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 16.—The attempt of a section of the 4,000 striking miners to occupy the Rothbury mine ended today in the death of one miner, the serious wounding of nine others and minor injuries to forty-five others and six policemen.

Four thousand miners are idle owing to the closing of the Rothbury mine, which the New South Wales Government proposes to open on Thursday with volunteer labor. The cessation of work at the mine followed a dispute over a proposed reduction in wages.

TROUBLE AT DAWN

A large group of miners last night congregated outside the mine to institute picket duty to prevent the opening of the mine on Thursday. The atmosphere was electrical and at dawn the trouble began when a group of miners rushed the fence surrounding the mine. They stoned the armed police, who fired over their heads.

A few minutes later, a second rush was made towards the mine and the police fired into the crowds. One miner was killed and a large number of others suffered wounds. This ended the fighting for the day.

The Federal Cabinet resolved immediately to intervene in the dispute and the Commonwealth Compulsory Arbitration Court summoned the parties to an urgent compulsory conference at Sydney at noon tomorrow.

Premier Scullin telegraphed the miners to withdraw from the vicinity of the mines in order to avert further clashes. The leader replied everything possible would be done to comply with the request.

C.P.R. OFFERING NEW BOND ISSUE

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—The offering of a new $30,000,000 issue of Canadian Pacific Railway bonds was announced today, the price being par and interest to yield 5 per cent. The bonds are offered by a syndicate headed by the Bank of Montreal, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Royal Bank, the National City Company, Wood, Gundy & Co., the Dominion Securities, A. E. Ames & Co., and other financial houses.

GIVES RESUME OF DEPARTMENT WORK

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—A resume of departmental activity was outlined by Mr. Sanford Evans, British Columbia fruit commissioner, at the opening session of the British Columbia Fruitgrowers' Association, held at the University of British Columbia today. The sessions will continue Tuesday when problems appertaining to the industry will be discussed.

Aviators Are Heard Though Not Sighted

Although they hoped to reach the Brazilian coast in the vicinity of Natal at 10 p.m. Monday night (8 p.m. Eastern standard time), the Uruguayan aviator Major Larre-Borges, and his French companion, Lieutenant Leon Challe, flying a French Breguet plane from Seville, Spain, had not been sighted there.

At 10 p.m., Eastern standard time, however, the Aeropostal Company radio station at Natal said it had maintained communication with the two flyers. The aviators could not understand the Natal station's signals.

HATRY CRASH WILL INVOLVE VAST TOTAL

If Accountant's Estimates Prove Correct Collapse Will Be One of Greatest in Financial Annals

PROMOTER ADMITS GRAVE OFFENCES

LONDON, Dec. 16. — Intimation was made in the Guildhall Court today that the liabilities of companies involved in the crash of Clarence Hatry, British promoter and financial figure, would approximate £20,000,000 (about $100,000,000).

Sir Gilbert Garnsey, accountant, who has been investigating the affairs of the Hatry companies, indicated the companies involved in his total probably would have to go into liquidation.

The estimate was given at the opening of the trial of Hatry and three co-defendants on charges growing out of their alleged stock frauds. All four were in court today.

In the accountant's estimates of losses proved correct this will be one of the biggest crashes in British financial annals. Sir Gilbert said Hatry had told him he and his three co-defendants had "been guilty of serious offences in connection with a group of companies."

DIVIDEND PROSPECT SMALL

Sir Gilbert said "there was very little prospect of a dividend for unsecured creditors. Assets were mostly pledged to secured and partly secured creditors.

"There will certainly be nothing for the shareholders," he added. "It would appear that the total deficiency will be more than £13,500,000." Hatry and his three co-defendants pleaded not guilty to charges of fraud and forgery and reserved their defence. The magistrate committed them to trial at the central criminal court.

The magistrate refused bail to all the defendants. Hatry told him that when "the other side of the story was told" he would be able to show that there had never been any intention of defrauding the Hatry creditors.

Three Nonstop Flights Engage Flyers' Efforts

LONDON, Dec. 16.—With two other long-distance air expeditions already under way in search of new laurels, it was officially stated late tonight at Cramwell Airdrome, in Lincolnshire, that weather conditions were favorable for a start at daybreak of a nonstop flight to South Africa.

A Royal Air Force Fairy monoplane stood ready for the attempt to reach South Africa probably before nightfall on Thursday. Meanwhile Dieudonne Coste was circling over France in an attempt to set a record distance over a closed circuit, while Major Tadeo Larre-Borges and Lieutenant Challe were well on their way to South America from Seville.

JAPANESE TO ASK TO KEEP SUBMARINES

Far Eastern Empire Prepared to Make Many Other Sacrifices If the Proposal Is Granted

NAVAL PARLEY TO HEAR OF REQUEST

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 16.—Authoritative Japanese sources indicated tonight that the Far Eastern Empire would enter the London Naval Parley, prepared to sacrifice other categories if necessary to maintain the force of submarines, considered vital for defensive proposals by the Tokio Government.

The Japanese delegation to the conference, now here for conversations with American officials, probably will ask for a submarine fleet of 80,000 tons—the present approximate strength of Japan in this category.

A submarine fleet of this size is considered by the Japanese to be the minimum which would be necessary for defence needs of their country in view of the island position and location.

MINISTER IS ROUTED EAST TO OTTAWA

Hon. N. S. Lougheed Continues Negotiation for Return of Railway Lands to British Columbia

HON. F. P. BURDEN MAY JOIN COLLEAGUE

Draft of Proposed Legislation Should Be Ready Shortly for Consultation of Both Governments

HON. N. S. Lougheed, Minister of Public Works, will leave from Vancouver tonight to continue the work of negotiation for the transfer of the Dominion railway lands from the Federal to the Provincial Government.

Mr. Lougheed had been with the Premier on a previous occasion when the subject was under discussion and he expects that the draft of the proposed legislation will be ready soon, when he will represent the Government in making any necessary suggestions.

Later Hon. F. P. Burden, Minister of Lands, will probably join Mr. Lougheed at Ottawa in the concluding negotiations. Some deputy heads of departments may also go East to give aid.

READY FOR DRAFT

This matter has been the subject of a great deal of negotiation between the present Provincial Government and the Dominion authorities during the past year and the question is now getting to a point where the two governments will be called upon to decide upon the exact wording of the transaction so as to leave no doubt as to what the effect will be with respect to the lands involved, and also as to the exact standing of the alienated portions of the areas concerned which have been dealt with by the Federal authorities in the past.

It is hoped to get the negotiations far enough advanced so that legislation dealing with it may be reached at this session of the Legislature, and also at the approaching session of the Dominion Parliament.

NO TREATY YET WITH EGYPT IS TOLD COMMONS

Further Development Not Expected Until New Government Has Been Chosen at Coming Elections

MUST RETURN TO PARLIAMENT PLAN

LONDON, Dec. 16.—No further developments in the negotiations for a new Anglo-Egyptian treaty are expected until the parliamentary system is restored in Egypt, declared Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, answering questions in the House of Commons today. Elections will be held in Egypt shortly, the present government there being a provisional one headed by Adely Pasha.

TROOP RESTRICTIONS

The British proposals for restriction of British troops within Egypt to the Suez Canal zone, and for recognition of the principle that the protection of the foreigners in Egypt is a matter for the Egyptian Government, were never intended as a draft treaty, the Foreign Secretary continued. They were merely proposals, for the basis of negotiations with such government as the Egyptian people would elect.

Major Banks, Conservative, Eastbourne, asked whether the proposals represented the extreme limits to which Great Britain would go.

"I have said nothing inconsistent with that," agreed Mr. Henderson.

Sues Government Of Manitoba for Being Dismissed

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 16.—Mr. P. A. Macdonald, former Public Utilities Commissioner for Manitoba, is claiming $40,000 from the Provincial Government for alleged wrongful dismissal.

A petition of right, filed by Mr. Macdonald, will be heard on Wednesday in King's Bench by Mr. Justice Donovan. The right of the Legislature to dismiss is denied by the petitioner, who claims he was appointed for life.

City Is Seeking More Protection For Watersheds

FURTHER protection of the city's watersheds from fire and other possible damage that may result from allowing the present situation to continue, will be sought by the city of Victoria in its application to the Legislature next month for a private act.

During the Summer months and during the hunting season, numerous people are to be found on various portions of the watersheds, and the City Council considers it essential that all watersheds should be preserved in a sanitary and safe condition. It is proposed to prevent access to such lands without written permission.

CITY SCHOOL TO POSSESS AUDITORIUM

Council Approves Board's Project to Erect $7,000 Assembly Building at Sir James Douglas School

CONSTRUCTION TO BE STARTED SOON

A brick and concrete building, to cost $7,000, and to be used as an audltorium for school purposes in the district, will be erected at the Sir James Douglas School. Construction will commence shortly.

The City Council, at its meeting yesterday, received a communication from the City School Board, which stated that the board for some time past had realized the serious handicap suffered by the Sir James Douglas School through lack of assembly room facilities. The board received a petition, signed by 492 members of the Parent-Teacher Association of the school and ratepayers residing in that school district, stressing the urgent necessity for an auditorium for school purposes in the district. The petition stated that the increase in school attendance since the construction of the present school, particularly in the last few years, has been such as to warrant the Sir James Douglas School having the same facilities that other schools throughout the city provided with an auditorium have by reason thereof.

The school board stated that it would have at the end of the current year a surplus of at least $7,000 on ordinary expenditures account

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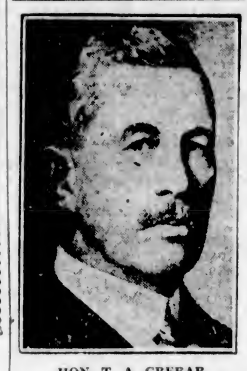
Another Pioneer Of Vancouver Is Called by Death

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16. — The ranks of Vancouver's pioneers were again thinned this morning with the death of Mr. George Martin, veteran business man of the city, at his home, Burnaby Street. He was the first municipal clerk in the old municipality of South Vancouver.

Born in Durham, England, seventy-six years ago, Mr. Martin migrated to Canada in 1883. He first went to Victoria, and after three years residence in that city came to Vancouver. He served for some years with the municipality of South Vancouver, and twenty years ago launched the firm of Martin & Shannon, real estate and insurance brokers.

Almost Certain to Be Minister



HON. T. A. CRERAR

Whose entrance into the Federal Cabinet seems assured, but no decision has been reached as to when or in what constituency he will seek election.

Would Have Dole In Canada as in Great Britain

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Workmen's unemployment insurance, similar in scope and application to that prevailing in Great Britain, is to be proposed at the January meeting of Vancouver Central Ratepayers' Association. Notice of motion in the matter was given at a meeting of the association on Saturday night.

Mr. W. J. Prout was re-elected president of the association for his fourth term.

CONSULS HEAR BETTER NEWS OF MANCHURIA

Latest Reports Received From Japanese Sources Create Easier Feeling as to Conditions

TRAIN STILL KEPT FROM ITS JOURNEY

TOKIO, Dec. 16.—Optimistic reports of conditions under Russian Soviet control west of the Khingan Mountains, in Manchuria, reached officials here today, detracting somewhat from their uneasiness at press reports of delays to the international consular train.

Latest reports to the Rengo news agency indicated that the train carrying consular representatives of the United States, Japan, Great Britain, France and Germany still was being held at Mienthu, the little town on the Chinese Eastern Railway, which marks the Western front of the Manchurian stand against the Russians. Both Chinese and Russian officials were said to oppose further westward movement of the train, and the consular passengers were reported irritated by the delay and planning to push forward anyway.

OFFICIAL REPORTS MISSING

The train was made up because of the lack of official reports on the status of foreigners in Western Manchuria since the Chinese retreat, shortly after the middle of November. The Japanese Foreign Office had not received all of the dispatches in code.

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Council Without Authority For Bus Regulation Upon Haultain Street Route

"I AM of the opinion that the City Council has no jurisdiction whatever to prohibit any motor vehicle from plying for hire on the Haultain Street route so long as the owner of such vehicle complies with the city by-laws, including the trades licence by-law, which calls for the payment of the usual licence fees for the operation of such vehicles in the city. This being so, the council is without authority to act in an application of this kind," City Solicitor H. S. Pringle told the City Council yesterday when two applications to the Provincial Department of Public Works from the Vancouver Island Transportation Company, Limited (B.C. Electric Railway Company, Limited, lessee) to operate motor buses over the Haultain route to Lansdowne Road were before it.

Mr. Patrick Philip, Deputy Minister of Public Works, wrote the council, enclosing the two applications referred to, and asked the council if it recommended that the Public Works Department issue certificates to the Vancouver Island Transportation Company, Limited, to operate in competition with the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company over the Haultain route.

The applications state that the Vancouver Island Transportation Company, Limited, proposes to run buses on a route starting at Yates and Douglas, then along Douglas to Johnson, Johnson to Blanshard to Yates, Yates to Fernwood, Fernwood to Haultain, Haultain to Shelbourne, Shelbourne to Lansdowne, the terminal; returning to the city over the same route other than over Blanshard, Johnson and Douglas loop.

The proposed weekday schedule of the company provides for a fifteen-

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SHIP AFIRE PURPOSELY RUN ASHORE

Loaded With Inflammables, Steam Schooner Skagway Broke Into Flames Near Cape Flattery

CAPTAIN FORCED TO LEAVE VESSEL

When Water Was Admitted to Holds to Quench Blaze, Ship Became Unmanageable and Piled on Rocks

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Dec 16.—Deserting the steam schooner Skagway, purposely run ashore near Cape Flattery when fire broke out in its hold, twenty-six officers and crew of the ill-fated ship were reported in radio dispatches on their way here tonight on the coast guard Cutter Snohomish.

The ship with a cargo, including gasoline, oil and alcohol, valued at $100,000, was expected to blow up at any moment when the Snohomish, which had been standing by late today, left the scene.

A BRAVE CAPTAIN

Captain E. Strandquist, determined to go down with his ship, reluctantly allowed himself to be rescued after Captain H. D. Hinkley, northwest coast guard commander, issued orders that he be removed by force if necessary. The coast guard had already given up the ship as a total loss. Waves breaking over the ship were turned to steam on the hot decks and the holds were already half full of water when Captain Strandquist was persuaded to go aboard the Snohomish.

"We all admire the bravery of Captain Strandquist," said Captain Hinkley, "but the Skagway is in a dangerous part of the coast and it would be perilous for our cutters to stand by."

The Skagway was on its way to Seattle from San Francisco when fire broke out in her boiler-room early today. Captain Strandquist said she was inside Cape Flattery and that water was then admitted in her hold, which made her unmanageable. Coastguard patrols at Tatoosh Island saw the distressed ship, floating around out of control.

PILED IN ROCKS

The captain said he was unable to get the ship on the beach and that she piled on the rocks at Puca's Pillar, a short distance off the Mainland and near the spot known as the Devil's Graveyard. Members of the crew took to the lifeboats and reached shore safely, but the captain remained aboard.

The Skagway, 1,800 gross tons, formerly the Stanley Dollar, was built in Seattle in 1908, was owned by the G. H. Walker Lumber Company, of Los Angeles, and was under charter to the McCormick Steamship Company.

Indian Family's Gruelling Drive Over Icy Roads

THE PAS, Dec. 16.—Five members of an Indian family rested in hospital here today, after a gruelling automobile journey. For five hours on Saturday, I. G. Richards, in charge of The Pas Indian Office, pressed his motor car through the snow on the difficult trip to the Indian Reserve, fifty miles north.

Another four hours were required for the return journey. The family is urgently in need of medical care, but stood the trip well. One of the patients was a nine-month-old babe.

TORONTO BUTCHER IS FOUND KILLED

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—John Freeland, fifty-two, butcher, residing on Winchester Street, Toronto, was found murdered in the cellar of his butcher shop on Gerrard Street East early tonight. He had been killed with a meat cleaver.

HOLDS NEW POST

WINNIPEG, Dec. 16.—Mr. C. H. Attwood, head of the Dominion Government's water powers and reclamation branch at Winnipeg, is to hold the new position as Director of Water Power and Forestry for Manitoba, according to official statements here today.

FOR NAVAL PARLEY

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—The Irish Free State will be represented at the Naval Conference in London next month by Hon. Patrick McGilligan, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister of Defence, and Hon. Prof. Timothy Smiddy, High Commissioner in London.

Esquimalt Council Tables Letter From B.C. Electric Pending Further Details

LAST night the situation as regards a bus service in the Municipality of Esquimalt again came up before the council and was tabled, pending further information. A letter from Mr. A. T. Goward, vice-president of the British Columbia Electric Railway, which was read to the members of the council was couched in the following terms:

"Our company is getting together data on costs of operation, which will have a very material effect upon the cost of operation, particularly with reference to the question of fares.

"There is no doubt whatever that the fare now being charged on the company's street cars would not be anywhere near sufficient to cover the cost of motor bus operation.

"In all the circumstances I would suggest to your honorable body that the matter be left in abeyance until further data are available, when, if it is your wish, the company will be prepared to make a definite statement to you."

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Rogers' Syrup, 2-lb. tins 17c

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Australian Sultanas, 2 lbs. for 23c
Seeded Raisins, large pkts., 2 for 25c
Seedless Raisins, per lb. 10c
Citron Peel, per lb. 29c
Orange and Lemon Cut Peel, per lb. 19c
Mincemeat, in own container, 2 lbs. for 25c

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prosperity, with British Columbia in the van of all countries on the face of the earth."

PROBLEMS OF FUTURE

Responding to the toast, "Our Patron," Lieutenant-Governor Bruce said: "Alas, time is taking its toll of both our veterans and our laymen. A new generation is stepping into manhood and womanhood, and these reunions serve to remind them of your service to the state and their duty towards you. Acting under a most happy inspiration, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales summoned from every quarter of the Empire, the gallant V.C.'s to dine with him at Westminster. It was fitting that the scene of this historic dinner should have been in the great hall around which has surged so much of the history of our Empire. Not only was this an unique reunion, but it served to stir the national consciousness of the people of the Empire to a renewed realization of what the Empire owed, not only to those gallant gentlemen, but to the great army of veterans which they represented. Let us see to it that we keep faith, and remain worthy bearers of the torch that was flung to us.

"May I congratulate you, your executive and your indefatigable secretary, Captain Money, on your increasing membership and your growing prosperity. Not only have you been able to acquire your club, but your sympathies have reached out to many in need of help, and to other institutions outside your own immediate membership, such as the Solarium, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Friendly Help. In addition, by care and thrift, you are creating an endowment fund earmarked for the widows and children and the less fortunate of your members. One cannot help but admire this sturdy spirit."

THE NEW VICTORIA

Mayor Anscomb, speaking to the toast "The City of Victoria," stated that as a member of the organization he was proud of the fact that it had purchased its own building, and was making great progress in liquidating the obligations incurred. He had learned more of the organization's work since he had been mayor than he knew before. He had found Captain Money ready and willing at all times to analyze and assist in the cases which had come to his notice. "As for the city of Victoria, you should remember that when your mayor and aldermen are elected, you should not immediately lose all interest in the business of the city. It is your own business and you should keep in touch with it. Like the Romans of old 'we are citizens of no mean city.' Victoria is known the world over not alone for her wonderful climate and scenic beauties, but as a city of homes, a seaport on the ocean highway of commerce, and a city that is growing in international importance. As you are all aware, Victoria has made considerable progress in the last year. I do not mean merely in a civic way, but in a business and commercial way. Many of our old landmarks are disappearing, and giving way to new and more modern buildings. Shipping facilities along our waterfront have greatly extended and the coming year will see a considerable increase in this direction.

"It is true that no large civic projects have been undertaken, but it must be remembered that we already enjoy public services sufficient for a much larger population. In officially responding to a toast of this nature I cannot refrain from mentioning the most cordial relations existing between the city and the adjoining municipalities. What the future may hold for us we do not know. We do know that the coming year will see considerable expansion in our transportation services between the Island and the Mainland. The large railway companies are usually able to read the signs of the times, and it would appear that an unusually large volume of trade will be flowing to Victoria next year. In concluding may I just remind you that the future of our city and indeed of our nation does not depend upon those who may be elected to public office. It depends upon the character, the intelligence and the ability of the people at large. It needs but the whole of the citizens to give practical evidence of their pride and faith in their own city by working whole heartedly in the interest of the community, to make it what we all wish it to be—a growing, prosperous and contented city."

DEFENCE TOPICS

To the toast of "The Army, Navy and Air Forces," Brigadier-General Sutherland Brown, D.S.O., spoke for the army and the air forces, while S.N.O. Lieutenant-Commander L. W. Murray, R.C.N., responded for the navy. General Brown, while he felt that the militia was keeping its head above water since the war money had been scarce and enthusiasm low. This did not keep certain splendid young men from joining the force, however, and throughout the district the militia was in a fair way to be efficient. When talking of the army and about army matters he liked to think of the Imperial army. He wanted to refer to one person present who had taught him much of what he knew about military science—General Sir Percy Lake. He believed that the British army had recovered from its war losses and was now as efficient as it had been in 1914. For the air force there was nothing to be ashamed of. Wonderful development had been made in this branch for the defence of the Old Land. The Channel was not so wide now as it used to be, and London was within vulnerable distance of Continental Europe from the air.

For the Navy, Commander Murray said that it was doing very well indeed. Referring to the talk of disarmament there was always the possibility of a fight. Everyone was hoping for the day when war would be abolished. The present armament of Great Britain would undoubtedly be kept up, but that matter rested entirely with the civil authorities. The British Navy was undoubtedly ahead of any other navy at present, and the personnel had not been asleep since the war. Everything was up to the minute in men and materials.

THE TOAST LIST

The toast list for the occasion, which proved to be a splendid demonstration of comradeship, was as follows: "The Silent Toast" to departed comrades, "H.M. the King," "Our Patron," "The Province of British Columbia," "The City of Victoria," "Army, Navy and Air Forces," "Victoria Unit No. 12," "Our Guests." During the evening an orchestra, under the direction of Major Harry Watts, rendered a number of inspiring selections. "O Canada" was sung at the opening, and the following contributed recitations and songs: Mr. Ernest Butterworth, Mr. J. Matheson, Col. J. R. Forbes, Captain Mitchell, Col. Harrison, Mr. Clayton and Mr. Breden. Among those at the centre table were, left to right: Secretary Captain Money, Col. T. E. Harrison, Capt. Molson, Rev. J. Leighton, Mr. H. D. Twigg, M.P.P., Rev. William Barton, Col. J. McMullin, Reeve William Crouch, Gen. Sir Percy Lake, Hon. S. L. Howe, General Sutherland Brown, Lieutenant-Governor Bruce, President T. Jones, Hon. J. Hinchliffe,

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Principals in Penticton Affair Cannot Be Deprived Of Right to Carry Arms

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idea of having men going about with weapons, which is a very dangerous practice to initiate. The police of the city of Penticton have a duty placed upon them to see that proper protection is afforded the citizens there, and it is apparently an admission by the police of the city that they are not able to insure the safety of life and limb.

On general principles the department of the Attorney-General does not look with favor upon the issuing of licences to carry firearms, except in cases of extreme need. In this matter the criminal code is very explicit in placing the power with the police magistrate, who uses his discretion in the matter.

From Penticton comes the information that legal authorities there express the opinion that the permits granted Mr. Oliver and Dr. Latimer cannot be rescinded. It has transpired, however, that Mr. Oliver has not as yet armed himself with a gun, although permitted to do so.

Dr. V. E. Latimer (Left), Charles E. Oliver (Right), Complainant and Defendant in "Forcible Seizure" Charge

The decision of Police Magistrate George Guernsey, after consultation with the chief of police, to allow Mr. Oliver and Dr. Latimer to carry guns has aroused considerable controversy here. Mr. Oliver is at liberty on bail of $2,000 pending his trial at the Vernon Spring assizes on a charge of "forcible seizure" of Dr. Latimer. Hon. R. H. Pooley has advised the Penticton City Council that he has no jurisdiction to rescind the permits.

Council Without Authority For Bus Regulation Upon Haultain Street Route

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minute service, with the first bus from the city at 6:37½ a.m., the first bus from Lansdowne at 6:52½ a.m.; the last bus from the city at 11:37½ p.m., the last bus from Lansdowne at 11:52½ p.m.

The Sunday and holiday schedule provides for a half-hour service, with the first bus from the city at 8:52½ a.m., the first bus from Lansdowne at 9:07½ a.m.; the last bus from the city at 10:52½ p.m., and the last bus from Lansdowne at 11:07½ p.m.

In a written opinion to the council, City Solicitor Pringle drew attention to the provision of Section 24 of the Victoria City Act, 1920, in which full powers are given to the council for defining and specifying the streets or routes upon which motor vehicles for hire may ply, be driven or operated, and for prohibiting the plying, driving or operation of any such motor vehicles on or along specified streets or routes. Mr. Pringle pointed out that these general powers conferred upon the council are all subject to the provision that the council shall not exercise the power to prohibit contained in the section so as to prevent any motor vehicle from plying for hire on the Gorge Road, Quadra Street or Haultain Street routes only which routes are specifically defined in the section, the Haultain route being defined: "from corner of Yates and Douglas Streets by way of Yates Street, Fernwood Road and Haultain Street to Shelbourne Street, or thence along Shelbourne Street to the city limits."

MATTER OF POLICY

While declaring that the City Council was without authority to act in connection with the applications of the Vancouver Island Transportation Company, Limited, Mr. Pringle said that the question of approval or recommendation or of disapproval was, in his opinion, clearly a matter of policy concerning which "the council may exercise its discretion as it may deem advisable."

Alderman James Adam claimed it was not fair to the B.C. Electric to try and "butt in" on a route which the Veterans' company was operating buses. "The Veterans have been giving a service to a district which the B.C. Electric has not covered. We are giving the B.C. Electric practically everything they have asked for, and now they want to trespass on the Haultain route. They should play the game, I think."

The council adopted a motion sponsored by Alderman J. L. Mara that the Department of Public Works be furnished with a copy of City Solicitor Pringle's opinion on the issue

Coal Tie-Up's Baneful Effect Will Be Lasting

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 17 (By The Canadian Press).—The coal tie-up which has crippled industry in Australia for months, is likely to have its baneful effect on business for a long time, even if it is settled at once, in the opinion of those who have studied the fundamental conditions affecting the coal trade.

The coal industry, regarded as one of Australia's key industries, would be but a shadow of its former greatness, even if the northern New South Wales mines were reopened today.

An official estimate shows that during the deadlock, 164,000 tons of overseas coal has been discharged at Melbourne, and a considerably larger amount in Sydney. The present stoppage has lasted eight months—considerably longer than any previous dispute in the coal industry. Little hope of settlement by Government intervention is held by those most interested in the controversy.

Two vital points are involved in the refusal of the mine owners to reopen operations. The first is the refusal of the workers to accept a reduction in wages, made necessary, it is claimed by the owners, on account of severe overseas competition. The second concerns the question of discipline. The miners have enforced a rule of "last on, first go," which means that the owners have little jurisdiction regarding the choice of the men they employ.

CITY SCHOOL TO POSSESS AUDITORIUM

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and unanimously requested the Mayor and council to approve the using of $7,000 for extraordinary expenditure for the erection of a suitable brick building on Lot 49, part of the Sir James Douglas School property, to provide assembly room facilities.

Approval of the City Council to the board's request was given on the resolution moved by Alderman E. S. Woodward and seconded by Alderman J. A. Worthington.

PRESSING NEED

Alderman William Marchant referred to the lack of a suitable place for the holding of public meetings in the Fairfield district, and considered that it was essential that an auditorium be built at the Sir James Douglas School to take care of that need, as well as furnish accommodation for the assembling together of the children attending that school.

Speaking of his experience while a member of the school board, Alderman H. O. Litchfield said that he had found that the original plans for the Sir James Douglas School included provision for an auditorium. However, the district built up so rapidly that the space at the school allotted for auditorium purposes was utilized for classrooms, in order to house the large number of pupils attending the school.

"A school of the size of the Sir James Douglas School, no matter in what part of the city it is located, should not be built without an auditorium. The proposed auditorium would be built near the domestic training building, and would not affect the playground accommodation whatever," Alderman Litchfield stated.

The auditorium building will be fifty feet by sixty feet, with a height of sixteen feet. Plans for the structure have been prepared by Major Peter Riddell, building superintendent of the Victoria School Board.

Four Loggers Are Reported Drowned

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Four loggers employed by the Whalen Pulp & Paper Ltd., at Port Alice, on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island, are reported drowned, but no particulars have been received. Provincial Police are investigating. One of the men is believed to be Walter Campbell, Vancouver.

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Janie was returned from the Home of the Feeble-Minded to the Orphans' Home, as the doctor's examination had proved her merely "subnormal."

Said Mamie to Anna, in a burst of confidence and gossip: Janie was sent away to be an idiot, but she couldn't pass and had to come back.

Elderly Gentleman (to workman in tram car who frequently takes nips from his bottle)—Do you know, my man, I never tasted spirits in my life?

Workman—No, an' you ain't agoin' to begin now, neither!—Humane Pleader.

A paragraphist says in a weekly paper: "What is wanted is more widespread doctors' advice on the dangers of the slimming process now in vogue." We cannot see the modern young woman taking much notice of a widespread doctor.—Liverpool Post.

UNEMPLOYED MAKE POLICE TAKE ACTION

Several Hundred of Vancouver's Workless Invade City Hall in Endeavor to Get Relief

COMMUNISTS TAKE PROMINENT PART

Because of Menacing Attitude of Section of Men Police Are Called on to Disperse Crowd

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Several hundred unemployed crowded into the city relief office at Cambie and Pender Streets this afternoon; refused to listen to the suggestions of Relief Officer George Ireland, and did not disperse until the police took charge of the situation. The crowd demanded employment at union pay of $4.50 a day or free meals and free beds until the Winter months are over.

TROUBLE LOOMED

"We want grub, and we'll stay until we get it," one man shouted. The cry was taken up "We're hungry," and for a time trouble loomed.

The unemployed later paraded to the City Hall, where they were informed that the City Council will meet tomorrow afternoon to discuss unemployment conditions. The unemployed threaten to parade again tomorrow and each succeeding day until relief is granted.

Mr. Ireland tried to remonstrate with the men today, but to no avail. "I can't do anything for you when you come here in disorder," he explained. "No man who is actually hungry will be allowed to starve. If you will make out applications, the situation will be vastly different—"

"WE WANT FOOD"

"That won't do, we want food," interrupted a man, and confusion followed.

"We want to eat," yelled others.

"I have been used to dealing with men for——" began Mr. Ireland.

"You're dealing with men now—not slaves—hungry ones," one chorused back.

"Don't stir out of this office until you get something to eat or a job," the leader advised, and the crowd yelled their agreement.

Mr. Ireland gave up his attempts to calm the crowd, and retired to his inner office. Two police constables restored order, but the crowd did not disperse until a squad of forty policemen arrived.

ADDRESSED BY LEADERS

Before the crowd entered the relief office they were spoken to outside by one of their leaders, his remarks apparently leading up to the impromptu interview with Mr. Ireland.

A pamphlet with a heading "The Unemployed Worker" was distributed among the crowd. "Relief Workers Must Strive for Union Pay," was another caption on the leading article, and it was followed by another, "The Communist Party and the Unemployed." Some cartoons reflecting on civic officials also appeared. "Long Live the Communist Party" appeared in bold type.

GYROS REVEL AT CHRISTMAS FETE

Clubmen and Ladies Enjoy Fine Programme at Annual Entertainment—New Member Greeted

The Victoria Gyro Club's annual Christmas party, which was held last night in the Empress Hotel, proved a brilliant success. Over one hundred clubmen and their ladies participated in the merry revel, and there was not a dull moment throughout the entire entertainment.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. B. C. Nicholas, a former president of the Kiwanis Club, who gave a humorous address. Miss Dorothy Hartree delighted the gathering with two contralto solos. An introduction stunt, in which one of the Gyros at each table recited the "Who's who" of those seated near him, was well received.

Mr. Thomas R. Bowden, a new member, was introduced, and given a warm greeting. The Gyros decided to entertain the members of the Boys' Parliament at a luncheon meeting in the Empress Hotel on December 30.

Dancing brought the happy function to a close at midnight. The committee which arranged the fete, and to which much credit for its success must be given, was composed of Gyro Harry Savage, chairman, and Gyros Walter Fletcher and Stanley Moore.

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Manchurian War Lord Does Much to Aid Education of People and Promote Peace

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—In the great Chinese Province of Manchuria, itself an Empire equal in area to Germany, a youthful war lord, twenty-nine years old, is experimenting with education on a collosal scale, determined to bring his war-ridden people toward peace and progress.

This was the statement here tonight of Mr. John Nelson, former publisher of The Vancouver World, present public relations supervisor for the Sun Life Assurance Company and secretary of the Canadian delegation at the Kyoto Pacific Relations Conference, as he stepped from the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia on his return from the Orient.

Mr. Nelson, with Mr. M. E. Nichols, publisher of The Winnipeg Tribune, and Mr. E. J. Tarr, K.C., also of Winnipeg, traveled through China last month following conclusion of the Kyoto conference, visiting the Manchurian war lord, the young Marshal Hsias Liang Chang, in his stronghold at Mukden.

Contrasting pictures of Chiang, today one of the world's leading figures, were presented by Mr. Nelson from his personal interview with the young warrior-statesman. Chang, he said, is spending $10,000,000 on education, notably in connection with the Northeastern University at Mukden, where tuition is free and 2,000 Chinese students are enrolled.

MAINTAINS ARMY

On the other hand he maintains an army of 200,000 men and is surrounded with political intrigue so menacing that while playing golf and tennis, his chief recreations, his safety is guarded constantly by a cordon of forty soldiers.

"None the less," said Mr. Nelson, "Chang is determined to improve his people, and, incidentally to protect them. Manchuria, which he controls with a rule of iron, despite his youth, is a tremendous factor in the events transpiring in the Far East and much depends on the success of the young marshal's efforts toward progress. It is a rich agricultural area, not unlike the prairie regions of Canada. Settlers are pouring in at the rate of 1,000,000 a year, and some idea of the country's growth may be gained from the fact that the seaport city of Harbin, where Russians have emigrated by the thousands, consisted of but one hut fifteen years ago, and yet today is a city of 400,000.

Returning with Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Tarr, from the Kyoto conference, were Messrs. Lawrence Killam and George Kidd, of Vancouver; Mr. F. Hankin and Professor George Wrong, Toronto, and Professor H. F. Angus, of Vancouver.

Pond Will Be Built at Elk Lake for Birds

THE City Council granted permission yesterday to Mr. E. D. Todd to build a small pond, ten feet by thirty feet, at the southeast corner of Elk Lake, for use as a feeding place for wild birds.

The public works committee advised the council that until other arrangements are made, Mr. Todd is willing to provide the necessary grain and arrange for the feeding.

City Clerk M. Frank Hunter was instructed by the council to write Mr. Todd, thanking him for his interest in the matter of the preservation of wild fowl.

CONSULS HEAR BETTER NEWS OF MANCHURIA

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Today, however, the consul's reports for November 26 and 27, saying the damage to Japanese nationals had been confined to dropping of a Russian shell on a Japanese hotel, killing a woman and wounding a man. The consul said he was writing at the request of the Russian commander at Manchuli that the conduct of the Russian forces was unimpeachable, and that order was being maintained.

He further stated: "While Russians opposing the Soviet were being arrested and deported to Siberia the Soviet commander had distributed flour free to the poorest Chinese residents and sold foodstuffs cheaply to others, and that in some cases loot taken by Chinese soldiers had been recovered and returned to the proper owners. It was said the distribution of flour was in line with the Soviet practice in previous raids on the Manchurian border.

Rengo's correspondent aboard the international train asserted members of the consular parties were inclined to the belief that Chinese opposition to the investigation was due "to the desire to keep consuls in ignorance of looting and destruction, of which Chinese soldiery have been guilty."

MR. M. F. HUNTER CONGRATULATED

Council Records Appreciation of "Hunter Ballot" and Success of Polling Arrangements

Congratulations upon the success of the "Hunter ballot," which was used for the first time in the City of Victoria at the civic election last week, and commendation of the efficient manner in which the arrangements for polling were conducted were conveyed to Mr. M. Frank Hunter, city clerk, who officiated as returning officer at the election, by the City Council yesterday.

Alderman James Adam remarked upon the large number who had praised the use of the ballot, which was designed by City Clerk Hunter. Its utilization had greatly simplified the process of voting, and generally greatly speeded up the counting of the ballots at the close of the poll.

Alderman Eugene S. Woodward spoke of the splendid way in which the poll at the Public Market Building was directed by Mr. Hunter, and added that "the whole arrangements for the poll were probably the best ever handled at an election in the City of Victoria."

While expressing his deepest sympathy to Aldermen William Marchant and John Harvey, who failed to secure re-election for another term, Alderman Adam expressed the hope that "next year they will come back stronger than ever."

Five per cent of the playgoers, Jane Cowl says, are unintelligent, and go to the theatre for no good reason. On the other hand, there are the intelligent ones who go to the theatre for a good reason and do not find it.—The New Yorker.

"Waiter! waiter!" shouted the diner, "this steak is burnt black."

"Mark of respect, sir," the waiter replied solemnly. "Our manager died yesterday."

COURT ACTION PREVENTS ANY RADIO SHIFTS

KJR Enjoins Wave Length Change While KOMO and KVI Must Retain Allocations—Move Temporary

TROUBLE STARTED OVER A YEAR AGO

Although n order was given by the Feredal Radio Commission, the three Seattle broadcasters, KJR, KVI and KOMO, decided yesterday not to exchange wave lengths, as previously announced.

KJR won a last-minute temporary court decision which has tied the hands of the government's radio board regarding the limited time which the commission wish to set on 394.5 meters, 760 kilocycles, the same channel now used by KVI. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued an order preventing any reallocation of channels which would be detrimental to KJR, pending a hearing which will take place in the near future.

KOMO previously granted KJR a clear channel at 309.1 meters, 970 kilocycles, and KVI to have full time on KOMO's present wave length of 325.9 meters, 920 kilocycles. Both stations were instructed to stay where they are in the radio spectrum. Officials from both, KOMO and KVI stations, said that practically nothing could be done with the matter, but hoped that an early settlement would clear up the whole situation. Yesterday both stations continued on their old wave lengths.

Until an official message comes from Washington, D.C., the three stations will most likely continue on their same wave lengths. KJR's temporary court victory is a serious blow to KOMO and KVI as the Totem Broadcasters will be held back from installing their new 15,000-watt transmitter as planned. If the radio commission's ruling ordered last month is upheld, then KOMO will proceed with the installation.

The trio of Sound city stations involved in the matter are probably three of the Northwest's leading broadcasters and every city throughout the Coast is interested in the proposed shift of wave lengths. The history of the fight for radio supremacy goes back over twelve months ago, when KOMO was on the clear channel which is now held by KJR.

Substitutes Cause Big Drop in Raw Silk Consumption

TOKIO, Japan (By the Canadian Press).—As a result of the increasing manufacture of rayon and various other silk substitutes, the consumption of raw silk in Canada and the United States is considerably less than formerly, according to reports submitted to the Silk Association. Consumption of raw silk in the United States alone during the month of September showed a drop of 6,430 bales from the month previous.

Painful Boils
One After the Other Broke Out On Arms

Miss K. Rudd, 1100 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, B.C., writes:—"About a year ago I was troubled with boils. They broke out on my arms, and no sooner was one healed than another would come to take its place. I suffered great pain with them, and tried different medicines and ointments, but they did me no good.

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Children's Lined Leatherette Coats, belted style; in red, blue and green $5.90
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JAPANESE MONEY IS GOING SOUTH

New Ventures in East Indies and Malaya Attractive to Investors

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 16.—The present day version of the South Sea Bubble is now being blown in Japan, and those who are blowing claim that the bubble is never going to burst.

In Japan the investment style trend seems to have set in definitely toward the East Indies and Malaya, for every week brings news of two or three more ventures in that direction. The reason for this is not far to seek. Investments here are rare and the prospects for an immediate industrial reawakening are slim. The good companies have filled their financial needs in the booming debenture markets of the past two years. The poor ones tempt only the gambling money lenders. But there still is a good deal of money to invest, and those with surpluses do not like to place them in the bond and debenture markets under present conditions on account of the lifting of the gold embargo shortly.

Therefore, surplus funds are finding their way into new enterprises, and at present the "South Seas," as the Japanese call them, seem to have first call. There are two reasons for this movement, one being that the Japanese investors believe they are stepping into this field when the rubber slump has touched the bottom, and the other being that companies which have been operating for several years in the South Seas with Japanese capital are showing handsome returns. Another factor is the Mitsubishi Company, second largest financial house in the Japanese Empire, which is proceeding with projects on a vast scale in Sumatra. Rubber and vegetable oils will be the chief crops.

Northcott Again Gets Extension Of His Sentence

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Gordon Stewart Northcott, under death sentence from Riverside County, today was granted an extension by Chief Justice William H. Waste, of the State Supreme Court, until January 10 to file opening briefs on his appeal. The appeal was placed on the Los Angeles March calendar for argument. Northcott was convicted of murder in connection with the killing of several boys on his chicken farm.

New conditions of entry are being proposed for the Grand National, so that the congestion of recent years may be relaxed as much as possible.

A punter's suggestion is to cut out the favorites. They never seem to stand a chance of winning.

In the good old days a home in the United States was a stable institution. Now it is more of a garage institution.—Louisville Times.

An American woman visited her husband in prison and shot him. A woman will never let a man finish a sentence.

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WEAKENING EMPIRE LINKS

The decision of Great Britain's Labor Ministry to "slow down" work on the Singapore naval base has not been received favorably in New Zealand, one of the contributories to the scheme. One grave error was failure to consult the Dominions, and particularly those parts of the Empire which have been paying for the work done up to date. Mr. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in answering questions in Parliament said that the total estimated cost of the truncated scheme for the Singapore naval base was £8,700,000, including the cost of the floating dock. The expenditure to date has been £2,033,000. The site for the dock was presented to the British Government by the Government of the Straits Settlements. The contributions actually received from Dominions and Colonies have been £1,294,000, leaving £729,000 of the amount expended as a charge to naval votes. In addition, further Dominion and Colonial contributions of £1,116,000 have been promised, so that in all £2,410,000 from those sources will be forthcoming, leaving £6,290,000 chargeable to navy votes. The Government of the Malay State is giving a total contribution of £2,000,000, of which £1,200,000 has been received to date and expended.

It would seem a proper part of Empire policy to have consulted the Federated Malay States, New Zealand, Australia and other parts of the Imperial domain before arriving at any policy affecting the future of the Singapore naval base. The Auckland Star says that informing the Dominions of the policy is very different from consulting them. That paper asks that the British Government should take the Dominions completely into its confidence regarding a step "which so vitally concerns their safety and the interests of the whole Empire." The Wellington Evening Post points out that information "which falls short of full consultation is not calculated to produce a unified Empire policy." The same paper says that with the reduction of cruiser strength "the base appears more necessary than ever for the safeguarding of trade routes." The position of New Zealand is that her contribution to the scheme was made on the advice of the Admiralty, and that, therefore, she should be consulted if it is proposed to make a change in policy.

SIXTY YEARS AT ONE POST

John Redpath Dougall's sixty years as editor of The Montreal Witness constitute what is probably a unique record in newspaper history. It is one that does honor to journalism as a calling and has made a worthy contribution towards—to use the veteran's own phrase—"making Canada a land to love." The paper was founded in 1845 by his father, Mr. John Dougall, and his nephew, Mr. Fred E. Dougall, as present copartner. The Witness has been throughout a distinctively Dougall newspaper. Its sturdy independence in political matters and its dauntless quixotism in championing idealistic causes have been made possible through the strong financial backing of the editor's purse. Through lean years Mr. Dougall has given hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to ensure an independent mouthpiece for his principles.

The immense output from Mr. Dougall's editorial pen is suggestive of the immeasurable influence of a newspaper. He is credited with having personally written 20,000 articles which are calculated to have made at least 1,200,000,000 impacts upon his readers. His fellow craftsmen, whatever exception they might take to his views, readily acknowledge that his work has been done with sincerity of purpose and with a high regard for the welfare of Canada. During the earlier years following Confederation, when The Witness bulked bigger than at present among Canadian journals, it was enthusiastically read by a large number of church people as a sort of commentary of the Bible on current events. Mr. Dougall himself has been a devout member of the Christian Church and never too busy to be absent from its services. The paper's columns have always had a religious tone. The physical stamina which enables its editor to do his quota of writing is shown in his three-mile walk to the office and his Gladstonian achievement of felling trees at his Summer home. Taking him all in all, Mr. John R. Dougall represents a fine type of journalist and good wishes will follow him as he enters upon his seventh decade in the editorial chair.

OWNERSHIP OF POLAR REGIONS

Commander Byrd's exploration work in the Antarctic will revive again the question of the ownership of Polar lands. More and more as the realm of exploration widens this problem will confront the nations. It may be true that much of the land in the Arctic and Antarctic is unfit for human habitation, but the acquisitiveness of mankind and the desire for possession for its sake alone, apart from colonization purposes, will lead in the future to much discussion and possibly international disagreement about Polar areas.

There are Arctic and Antarctic problems affecting Norwegian foreign policy and these were alluded to recently by M. Mowinckel, the Norwegian Prime Minister. He says Norway has played an important part in these regions, is now engaged in enterprises there and has gradually become accustomed to treating these lands as her own. Latterly, he notes, that other countries, and he alludes to Great Britain and Canada specifically as well as other Dominions, have attempted to become possessed of those regions as their special spheres of interest. Norway does not recognize the claims made. In fact she maintains, what her Prime Minister says is the general international view, that a territory can be claimed only when it has been actually occupied. Premier Mowinckel instances Jan Mayen Island, which has been occupied by Norway because of its usefulness as a meteorological station.

The Russian contention is that a country situated to the north of her frontiers should be considered as belonging to her. To some extent the same contention is made by Canada, but the problem so far as this Dominion is concerned has never come into the sphere of practical decision. One contention of Norway is that Franz Josef Land is a species of "No Man's Land" where Norwegian hunters and fishermen are entitled to carry on their trade free and unhampered. This whole question of the ownership of Polar regions will continue to crop up until some decision is reached that will be recognized by international law.

FASHIONS FOR MEN

Despite persistent proposals for changes in men's dress by the Men's Dress Reform Party the male sex maintains a chilly attitude towards those suggestions which would add hygiene value, comfort and trouble-saving devices in the matter of clothing. Man always is more self-conscious than woman in the realm of fashion. The latter will try anything once, and perhaps keep on trying it despite the male estimate of its attractiveness. Man, however, is slow to change and of great patience in submitting to the dogma of custom. He continues to regard those who affect new fashions as mental freaks, and prefers always to be uncomfortable rather than break the continuity of routine in attire.

Undeterred by the stubbornness of mankind the dress reform party continues to throw out suggestions for more practical male attire. Its object is to break away from stereotyped costumes, but in the effort it lays down no hard and fast rules, no final views, for its own ideas are in a constant state of flux. One fashion which it is intent on abolishing is that of the collar and tie, that combination yoke of "torture" that has added to the misery of the male sex for so long. For the present yoke it wants the Byron collar substituted, because it meets "all needs of aesthetics, convenience and hygiene." The tie it is not wholly anathema to the Men's Dress Reform Party. In fact, it appears that a hanging tie can be worn with a Byron collar though the knot should be lower than at present. The blouse is suggested as an alternative to the shirt and should be an outer garment, the coat of the future being an outer wrap only. The reform party continues to condemn trousers unsparingly. It commends the kilt in mild fashion and is enthusiastic in favor of shorts as nether garments, particularly for games, and, indeed, all forms of exercise. Evening dress, according to reform notions, should consist of a fine white silk or satin blouse with black satin knee-breeches and silk stockings. The outer wrap recommended is a velvet or corduroy cloak. As to hats, the reformers would have them abolished in all climates, except against rain or unusually strong sun, and the footwear suggested is sandals or sandal-formed shoes.

The invention in Germany of a motor car which runs by compressed air instead of gasoline opens up the possibility of escaping the tax on the present fuel. The question is how long it would be before governments imposed a tax on air. It is one of the few things left untaxed, except so far as its use for radio-telegraphy is concerned.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, at 8 p.m., December 16, 1929.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES

	Rain	Snow	Min.	Max.
Victoria	.10	--	39	44
Nanaimo	.22	--	36	42
Vancouver	.16	--	36	40
Kamloops	--	.2	14	24
Prince George	--	--	10b	10
Estevan Point	.24	--	38	42
Prince Rupert	--	--	30	36
Atlin	--	--	4b	0
Dawson	--	--	8b	2b
Seattle	trace	--	40	46
Portland	.16	--	44	52
San Francisco	trace	--	54	60
Spokane	.08	--	34	40
Los Angeles	--	--	52	66
Penticton	--	4.5	24	33
Vernon	--	6.2	21	26
Nelson	--	3	29	34
Cranbrook	--	4	22	28
Calgary	--	.1	2b	4
Edmonton	--	--	18b	--
Swift Current	--	--	4b	2b
Prince Albert	--	--	28b	8b
Qu'Appelle	--	--	--	8b
Winnipeg	--	--	4b	2b

FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to high south and west winds; partly cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

Vancouver and Vicinity—Fresh to high south and west winds on the gulf; partly cloudy and milder, with occasional rain.

MONDAY

Maximum	46
Minimum	39
Average	42
Minimum on grass	37

General state of weather, cloudy. Bright sunshine, 54 minutes; rain, .10.

5 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 30.07; wind, S.W., 36 miles; cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.04; wind, N.E., 4 miles; fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.10; wind, W., 4 miles; cloudy.

Prince George—Barometer, 30.38; calm; clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.98; calm; fair.

Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.96; calm; raining.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.06; wind, S.W., 30 miles; cloudy.

Portland—Barometer, 30.24; wind, S.E., 4 miles; cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.12; wind, S., 20 miles; clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; wind, N., 6 miles; raining.

EVENING LIGHT

This is the hour of evening where we come
Between the sunshine and the solemn stars;
When flowers are closed and birds are flying home,
And, like a golden lily in a vase,
Day drops on the jade edges of the sky—
The hour of sleep is nigh.

A quiet wind is stirring in the trees,
Soon to be silent, and the birds are still.
And silence comes upon the shore and seas,
And in the valley and along the hill;
And, like a child upon a loving breast,
Earth nestles down to rest.

This is the hour of evening, when the toil
Of day is done with, and the weary song
Of labor's ended, and the stubborn soil
That we have striven with the whole day long
Yields now, and takes us in a soft caress,
And gives us quietness.

—D. P. McGuire in The Sydney Bulletin.

A prudent man forseeth the evil and hideth himself; but the simple pass on and are punished.—Proverbs of Solomon.

We should often be ashamed of our very best actions, if the world only saw the motives which caused them.—La Rochefoucauld.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

You have heard of Mrs. Grundy. If you haven't, Mrs. Grundy is the censorious old lady who sits in judgment upon the ways and manners of society. You do not know, and we did not know until today, that there was a Mr. Grundy, who is no mythical person, and may in course of time become as notorious in his special sphere as Mrs. Grundy has become in the best social circles. Mr. Grundy is practical politician who has practised politics so successfully that now he is the senator from Pennsylvania. There is nothing remarkable in the fact that Mr. Grundy has been made senator from Pennsylvania, but there is much that is extraordinary, even sensational, in the manner in which Mr. Grundy was appointed senator from Pennsylvania—for the senator was appointed, not elected under the ordinary provisions of the constitution.

A practical politician named Vare was elected senator from Pennsylvania. But the honorable gentlemen of the Senate found out that Senator-elect Vare had spent three-quarters of a million dollars in securing or assuring his election. Neither in the United States nor anywhere else can the business of modern politics be successfully conducted upon a shoe-string. Senator-elect Vare's seat in the principal legislative chamber would doubtlessly have been quite sure if the sitting senators had not found out and the country had not been told about the scandalous three-quarters of a million dollars. The Senate must be maintained above suspicion. So the senators sat in judgment upon the position of Mr. Vare and declared the election void.

When the governor of the State of Pennsylvania heard of this proceeding on the part of the Senate, he did something he has the power to do under the constitution. He appointed Mr. Grundy to the Senate, and although Mr. Grundy, who is a frank and candid politician, admitted that while Mr. Vare had spent thousands of dollars to procure and insure his election, he and his Republican friends had spent millions of dollars to make their political positions sure, that at least a million dollars had been spent to secure the election of the Governor of the State which had made Mr. Grundy a senator, that as an agent of the Republican party Mr. Grundy had collected a million dollars at least and added it to the modest campaign fund which appeared to be necessary to secure the election of Mr. Hoover to the presidency—notwithstanding all those interesting confessions and revelations, the senators who could not tolerate the presence of Mr. Vare in their midst because he was a corrupt politician are obliged to put up with Mr. Grundy the intensely practical politician.

There is no nonsense about Senator Grundy. Although the distinguished senator insisted upon appointment to the Senate as a reward for his political services, he appears to entertain feelings of the utmost contempt for his fellow senators, and he has expressed his feelings in plain and forcible terms. He says the great State of Pennsylvania is more important than all the petty states represented by a majority in the Senate, and that he and the other senator from Pennsylvania should determine the terms of the tariff bill which Congress has been squabbling about for six months without achieving any practical results.

Senator Grundy is one of the finished political products of a complex system of popular democracy and secret autocracy. His confessions and revelations indicate the manner in which the public affairs of a great country are conducted. They also probably account for the change of public opinion in the United States with respect to President Hoover and the Republican administration.

At the same time the United States is not the only democratically-governed country in the world in which the political situation is likely to provoke comment. The formation of the Hoover Government undoubtedly was authorized by the voice of public opinion in the United States. If public opinion in the United States has undergone a change since the formation of the Government, the Government cannot be changed as a consequence of the change in public opinion. The life term of the administration is fixed under the provisions of the constitution.

There is a Government in Great Britain which was not authorized by public opinion and is not supported by a majority in Parliament. The MacDonald Government continues to function because the forces in Parliament which have the power to extinguish it fear the possible political consequences of dissolution of the Government and Parliament. There is no suspicion of corruption in the British Parliament. There is fear in the minds of the leaders of the two opposition parties that the astute leader of the Government party may manoeuvre them into an unfavorable position, invite defeat, and appeal to the electors upon a popular cry or issue.

Thus we see that if there are political abuses in the popular system of Government in one country, there are weaknesses in the popular system of Government in another country. Neither in the United States nor Great Britain is there "Government of the people for the people by the people"—at least not all the time.

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SMALL CRIPPLES' TREE IS PLANNED

Lieut.-Governor and Miss Mackenzie Will Attend Annual Entertained

A generous consignment of jam, toys, fruit, candies and other welcome supplies and Christmas delectables reached the Queen Alexandra Solarium rooms, Government Street, yesterday, the donors being the Allies Chapter, I.O.D.E.

This is one of the first of the Christmas gift consignments received by the organization, although in the course of the day yesterday a number of other parcels reached the rooms. At their monthly meeting the directors devoted part of the time to discussing the Christmas entertainment, which is to take place on Monday afternoon, December 23, when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie will probably again be present to witness the distribution of the gifts from the tree and hear the children's programme.

Dr. C. Wace, medical superintendent at the solarium, during the meeting issued a precaution against the use of the words "Mill Bay" in addressing parcels and mail to the solarium. The correct postal address is Queen Alexandra Solarium, Malahat Beach, Cobble Hill. In the post office sense the only Mill Bay in the province is on the Nass River, and numbers of parcels and letters intended for the Solarium, but directed to Mill Bay, were reported to have lain, in some instances, for months at the remote Northern station awaiting claim.

The Government report showed a total of fifty-four patients during the month, with a total daily average of forty-five. The total number of days' treatment was 1,257. Total revenue for the month was $1,648 as compared with $2,346 for the same period last year. The increased per capita cost over last year ($2.81 per diem this year, $1.71 per diem in 1928) was accounted for largely by the allowance for depreciation and repairs made this year, this item having been ignored last year.

Miss Stone's report made reference to three fire drills successfully carried out, with quick response from staff and children. Mrs. Gale reported receipt of $5 from Sayward Institute for the Solarium.

The Rhyming Optimist

By Aline Michaelis

DECEMBER DAYS

December days, December ways,
What joy and zest you bring,
When ruddy hearthfires leap and blaze,
When fierce winds roar and sing!

What bustle in the city's marts
With myriad lights aglow,
What promises for children's hearts,
What charm of falling snow!

December bowers, December flowers
Are on the frosted glass,
Pale images of Summer hours
In mute procession pass.

The gardens are all pallid now
With clinging sheaths of sleet,
While on each brown and barren bough
The icy tempests beat.

But swift and vital are the joys
Old Winter brings always,
And mirth, unmingled with alloys
Brims bright December days.

Jots From Geography

THE Temple of Vesta, at Tivoli, near Rome, Italy, was once the stronghold of the Vestal Virgins. The Virgins were, six in number, and it was their duty to keep the fire of social purity eternally burning within the portals of the temple. Vestal Virgins were bound by oath to utter chastity. If they broke their pledge they were subjected to horrible deaths in underground pits.

ALD. W. T. STRAITH NAILS CRITICISM

Chairman of Civic Industrial Committee Replies to Statements of Mr. Max Johnsen

At the City Council's meeting yesterday, Alderman William T. Straith, chairman of the industrial committee, replied to a criticism made by Mr. Max Johnsen, through the columns of the press, of the action of the industrial committee regarding the Dallas Hotel.

Alderman Straith's statement on the matter was as follows:

"I think the City Council is entitled to some information regarding this. Like many other suggestions made to the industrial committee this year, the offer of Max Johnsen did not materialize, and consequently has never reached the Council from our committee. Mr. Johnsen offered the city $250 for the hotel and site. We asked Mr. Johnsen to raise his price to $500, but in view of the fact that he proposed to build a fish packing plant, he considered $250 adequate. The committee considered that if the intention of Mr. Johnsen to build such a plant were carried out, it would be well for the city to dispose of the property at his price, and agreed to do so upon one condition only, that the certificate of title and the deed to Max Johnsen should be handed to a bank to be held in escrow until next Fall, when Mr. Johnsen proposed to have his building completed.

"Last week the building was sold for more than $400, and in addition the city is receiving 50 cents a square foot for the glass in the building. In parting with valuable property, the committee was of the opinion that the purchasers should give evidence of good faith by permitting the title deeds to remain in escrow until the building was completed. Mr. Johnsen objected to this condition. This agreement has been in Mr. Johnsen's hands for two months, and we have not had a reply from him. We consequently considered that he was no longer interested in the proposition, and informed the land committee recently that we were no longer interested in the Dallas Hotel property, and the land committee, two weeks ago, recommended the demolition of the building.

"I was surprised at Mr. Johnsen's objection to the demolition of the building, because his proposal was to tear down the building and use the bricks for building ovens for the smoking of fish."

Alderman Straith's statement was ordered filed by the Council.

She touched up her hair,
She touched up her face,
She touched up her eyebrows,
Her folderols and lace;
She touched up her thumbnails,
Her fingers, one two three;
She touched up her dimples—
and then she touched me!

—Life.

This Week's Great Day

DEATH OF LORD KELVIN

On December 17, 1907, William Thomson, Lord Kelvin, one of the most illustrious of the world's great scientists, died at the age of eighty-three years.

He was born on June 26, 1824, at Belfast, in Ireland, and his father was James Thomson, who was at that time engaged as a mathematical teacher at the Royal Academical Institution, but who, eight years later, removed with his family to Scotland for the purpose of taking up his duties as a professor at Glasgow University. William Thomson received his early education from his father, but at the age of ten he became a student at the university, where he remained for the next seven years, during which period he was awarded inumerable prizes, beating competitors who were double his age in every examination for which he entered.

At the age of seventeen he entered Cambridge University, where he immediately commenced to repeat his Glasgow triumphs, and four years later he secured his degree as second wrangler and was elected a Fellow of Peterhouse College, after which he spent a year in Paris studying experimental science, which was not possible at that time in Great Britain. He was only twenty-two years of age when he was offered, and accepted, the chair of natural philosophy at Glasgow University, an appointment which he held for the next fifty years.

He speedily became recognized as the greatest physicist of the day, and for half a century he was a source of inspiration to the scientific world, while his suggestions were responsible for a considerable amount of the advanced research work performed by numerous other leading scientists. His teaching at Glasgow opened a new scientific era, and for the purpose of his own personal research work he established the first working laboratory of physical science ever set up in a British university.

His most important work was in connection with thermodynamics, the branch of science which deals with the relations between heat and work, but to the general public he is best known for his truly remarkable achievements in the electrical field. In 1854 he turned his attention to the possibilities of laying a transatlantic submarine telegraph cable, and it was mainly owing to his genius that the difficulties surrounding the task were successfully overcome, and that telegraphic communication was finally established between Great Britain and America. This was effected in 1866, and the many delays in the completion of the work were mostly caused by the failure of the engineers in charge to follow the suggestions which Thomson made, and it was not until he was placed in supreme control of the operations that success was achieved.

He was the inventor of a large number of invaluable contrivances which were universally adopted in navigation, including an improved form of mariner's compass, a deep-sea sounding machine and a tide analyzer and predicter, while he also published over 300 papers bearing upon every branch of physical science.

A knighthood was conferred upon him in 1866, in recognition of his work in connection with the Atlantic cable, and in 1892 he was elevated the the peerage, while among his numberous other honors bestowed upon him, both at home and abroad, were the presidency of the Royal Society and the chancellorship of Glasgow University. He was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey, where he is buried by the side of Sir Isaach Newton, Charles Darwin and other great scientists

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Ontario Surplus Reported Large For Last Year

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—Indicating a record surplus of $2,567,000, Hon. J. D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, has issued the preliminary and pre-sessional financial statement of the Government of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. The statement deals with the fiscal year ending October 31, 1929.

The provincial financial statement shows increased revenue for 1929, over 1928, of $6,122,000. This includes an increase of $5,776,000 from public service and natural resources and $346,000,000 from interest on investments. Increased expenditures for 1929 totaled $3,783,000, made up of $1,951,000 on public services and $1,842,000 on debt charges.

"Our minister is so strict he won't even perform a marriage ceremony."

"Good heavens! What's that got to do with his morals?"

"He says his conscience won't permit him to participate in any game of chance."

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist, December 17, 1879)

The Foresters have leased the hall on Government Street, previously occupied by the Masons, for the term of five years, and will take possession of their new quarters next month.

Mr. McCrimmen announces a grand masquerade tournament for Christmas Eve.

Women voted at the recent municipal election in Boston, and report states that the polls were never so orderly.

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FOLK SONG STUDY TOLD

Mr. J. Murray Gibbon Speaks of Remarkable Work Done in Brief Period Throughout Canada

RELATIONSHIP TO LITERATURE

Within the past two and a half years a remarkable art movement has taken place in Canada, the significance of which is not yet fully appreciated even by the thousands who have shared in some measure the enjoyment of its results. The story of this Renaissence in the New World of some of the finest Old World folk songs and folk dances was told last evening by Mr. J. Murray Gibbon, the prime force behind the movement, in an informal address which he gave at the meeting of the Island Branch of the Canadian Authors' Association, held by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron at their home on Moss Street. With characteristic diffidence Mr. Gibbon avoided the more personal aspect of the great work which has culminated in the splendid series of festivals which have directed the attention of the whole music world to Canada, and only briefly sketched in some of the results of the movement in acquainting Canadians with art forms which they have unconsciously all along entertained among the descendants of Old World peoples.

It was an unusually delightful gathering of the Authors' Association. In addition to Mr. J. Murray Gibbon, who was the guest in chief, there were present Mr. Herbert Hewetson, one of the Yuletide Festival Company, who contributed some charming old French-Canadian folk songs; Mrs. Shandley, who sang two numbers by a local composer, Mr. J. Douglas Macey, the words of one by Mrs. Rathom, the others by Mrs. Ebbs-Canavan, both members of the local club; and Mr. Alfred Heather, of London, England, notale as the original "Filch" in "The Beggar's Opera," and as producer of "Polly," who is also here in connection with the C.P.R. Yuletide celebrations. In addition to these, Major Bullock-Webster gave a very interesting sketch of the convention of the Western Writers' League in San Francisco, which he attended as British Columbia representative and convener of the drama committee. The evening concluded with an informal social period, during which supper was served.

PHOENIX IN SONG

The beginnings of the festival movement were traced by Mr. Gibbon back to the burning down of the wing of the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec. In order to advertise to the world the fact that the new wing had been completed, fifty of the leading newspapermen of Montreal, Toronto and Quebec were invited to the old French-Canadian city, and in looking about for the wherewithal for their entertainment the germ of the festival idea had come into being. Marchand, a French-Canadian singer, was invited to participate in this. At first he refused on the ground that English-speaking audiences were unsympathetic to the French folk song, but these objections were overcome when Mr. Gibbon produced singable translations.

"Here was what seemed the beginning of a basis of understanding between the Anglo-Canadians and the French-Canadians, living side by side. Here was an opportunity for a better understanding of the latter by the former, in these traditional French songs, full of beauty, rhythmic, lively melodies instinct with art, and reflecting the occupational life of the people," it was noted.

Henry Button undertook to publish the thirty French-Canadian folk songs which Marchand selected. This book has had an extraordinary success, Button himself having said: "I can't kill the d— thing!" But this thirty represented just a fragment of the whole for there were now collected in phonographic record form about 6,000, only 400 of which had been published to date.

With such a store of folk song the idea of a folk song festival was natural. This was presented in the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, and was an amazing success, so far beyond the anticipation of its organizer that big parties of Montreal and Toronto guests who arrived on the evening of the performance were unable to get seats in the auditorium, because no one had ever thought of the necessity of reserving any.

DEVELOP IDEA

The idea was developed. The arrival of a big party of Gaelic-speaking Highlanders in Canada had suggested the idea of staging a Scottish Festival at Banff, "which would make Scots realize that here in Canada were people who were sympathetic to what they had in the way of an art contribution to give their country."

The Banff Festival was another splendid success, drawing about 10,000 people.

Then came the "New Canadian" Festival at Winnipeg, with its inspiring contribution of folk song, folk dance, and beautiful needlework, handicrafts and other art forms from the eighteen national groups which were represented in the immigrant peoples of the surrounding province. Ralph Connor, one of the most influential of those opposed to the idea of this "New Canadian" Festival, had become a complete convert to the movement after seeing the Polish dancers in their beautiful costumes. A people with such a cultural contribution, Connor had conceded, must be welcomed with open arms by Canada.

The mutual sympathy and understanding created by this festival at Winnipeg had been very gratifying. The Premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta had asked for similar festivals to be staged at Regina and Calgary after hearing of the success of the Winnipeg undertaking, and the latter city is to have one in March. Vancouver asked for a semi-music festival, and Victoria had offered itself as the logical place for a Yuletide Festival which would revive some of the old Christmas customs, Christmas music, and Christmas literature.

Growing out of the Yuletide Festival here last Winter was the English Music Festival in Toronto last month, "the greatest success of them all, for it has made the Canadian-born realize what an immense heritage has been brought to Canada by the English race," the speaker noted.

RELATION TO LITERATURE

Mr. Gibbon devoted the closing part of his address to showing the relationship which the festival idea had to literature. This lay chiefly in the writing of the libretti for such ballad-operas as that for which Louvigny de Montigny had written the words (and for one of which Dr Healey Willan had written music incorporating sea chanties of French-Canadians who came to this continent 300 years ago); Marc Les Carbot's "Nova Francia," now reconstructed into "L'Ordre de Bon Temps;" and Captain Alexander Ramsay's Indian Nativity play (also with music by Dr. Healey Willan), a ballad-opera which is to be heard here next week. Mr. Gibbon also praised the work of Ethel Bassin, of Vancouver, who as the result of four years' residence in the Hebrides had written a very charming little ballad-opera, incorporating a number of unfamiliar Gaelic songs. The achievement of Watson Kilconnell, a linguist and musician of Winnipeg, in translating into singable English some of the folk songs of the polygot peoples who make up the rim of the Prairie population, was also worthy of note, for through such a neffort a great work was being done to create a deeper sympathy between the Anglo-Canadians and these foreign nationals.

Altogether, as the result of the festival movement some seven or eight ballad operas had been written and made possible of production in Canada. Such release of musical energy, such an outlet for dramatic expression, was surely a thing worthwhile in itself.

"If the festival movement keeps on, an opportunity for ballad-opera will open up such as has never existed since the eighteenth century with its presentation of 'The Beggar's Opera,' 'Polly' and other works of the kind," said Mr. Gibbon in conclusion. "If our Canadian poets could get back into closer touch with music than they are or have been for the past two hundred years, it would be a splendid thing for the English lyric poetry of late has had something lacking in it, no lilt such as the Elizabethans or Burns had who wrote with definite tunes in their heads. If Canadian poets could get closer to the song writers, closer to the mentality of the folk-singers, it would be a great day for our Canadian literature."

Mr. A. Carmichael, the president, was in the chair, and Dr. McRae at the close of the evening, while the guests were in the dining-room, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Murray Gibbon, Major Bullock-Webster, the host and hostess, and the artists who had contributed to the evening's pleasure. The joint conveners of the programme were Mrs. Ebbs-Canavan and Mrs. Rathom. Members who contributed to the evening's pleasure with readings of their own verse were Mr. Donald Fraser and Miss Eugenie Perry, and Mr. C. C. Pemberton spoke briefly of A. W. Walkinshaw's book.

Conference of Red Cross Children

A COUNTY Conference of Junior Red Cross Children was held at Sussex, N.B., where the children called, officered and conducted the gathering which was attended by forty-seven delegates, and had an agenda covering an entire day. The proceedings included reports from twenty-five branches of the Red Cross, health demonstrations, discussions of many junior problems, a midday luncheon and elections, all of which were conducted according to the strictest parliamentary procedure. Above is a picture of some of the delegates, in the centre of which are: 1, Josephine O'Connor, Anagance Ridge, who was the chairman, and, 2, William MacDougall, of Sussex, the clever chairman of arrangements and secretary of the conference.

Obituary

SMITH—There passed away at the residence of her daughter, Glen Hospital, 1036 Salsbury Drive, Vancouver, December 13, Annie Jane Smith, in her eighty-ninth year. Born in Ireland, Mrs. Smith came to Canada seventy-one years ago and has been a resident of British Columbia for the past forty-five years. Her husband, the late William Smith, predeceased her in 1893. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. R. J. Butler; Miss K. Smith, matron Glen Hospital; Mrs. M. T. C. Westwood, all of Vancouver, and Mrs. A. F. Allen, of Victoria; also two sons, Frank W., of Burnaby, and James, of Courtenay; twenty-one grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The remains will be brought to Victoria for interment in Ross Bay Cemetery. The funeral will take place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. E. P. W. Carter will officiate.

WALTER—There passed away at his residence, Elk Road, Saanich, on December 14, Arthur Walter, a resident of this province for the past nine years, aged eighty years, and born in Bristol, England. He is survived by his widow in Saanich, one daughter, Mary, also of Saanich; one son, Dr. Arthur B. Walter, of Saint John, N.B., and two grandsons. The remains will leave Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel this morning for Salt Spring Island, where interment will take place.

CRUICKSHANK—At the Jubilee Hospital yesterday morning the death occurred of Mrs. Alice Cruickshank, of 1048 Mason Street, aged sixty-six years. She was born at Millstream, and is survived by her husband, four sons, Ralph Cruickshank, Ernest Cruickshank, both of Victoria, Charles, of Bothel, Wash., George, Long Beach, Cal., and one daughter, Mrs. Jack Ross. The remains are reposing at the Thomson Funeral Home, pending funeral arrangements.

RANDALL—The death occurred at the Jubilee Hospital on December 14, of Thomas Gurney Randall, aged twenty-nine years, born in Middlesex, England, and a resident of British Columbia for seven years. He is survived by his widow (Kathleen Kerby), his mother in England, also two brothers, Eric, of Trail, and Norman, of Victoria. The deceased was a member of the staff of the Consolidated Ining & Smelting Company, Ltd., of Trail, B.C. The remains are reposing at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, from where the funeral will take place this morning at 10:30. Interment will be made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

LYLE—There passed away in this city on December 16, Ann Lyle, beloved wife of David Lyle, of East Saanich Road, Sidney, aged forty-seven years and eleven months, and born in Cheshire, England. The remains are reposing at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, from where the funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, proceeding to St. Stephen's Church, Mount Newton Crossroad, where service will be conducted by Rev. J. S. A. Bastin at 11 o'clock. Interment will take place in St. Stephen's churchyard.

APPLETON—Funeral service for the late Colonel Henry Appleton who passed away in this city Thursday, December 12, was held Saturday afternoon, December 14, at 2:30 o'clock from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home. Many friends were present at the service which was conducted by Very Rev. Dean C. S. Quainton. The following acted as pallbearers: Mr. C. C. Pemberton, Lieutenant-Colonel A. G. Wolley-Dod, Mr. R. F. Taylor, Mr. E. B. Irving, Mr. C. D. Stedman and Major Greig. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

McDOWELL—The funeral of Mr. Charles McDowell will take place from the residence, 238 Edward Street, Victoria West, this morning at 9:15 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where mass will be celebrated at 9:30. Rev. Father Woods will officiate. Interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

HURST—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Hurst took place yesterday morning from the Sands Funeral Chapel at 10:25 o'clock, proceeding to St. John's Church, where services were conducted by Rev. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick. Many flowers covered the casket. The hymns sung were "Jesu, Lover of My Soul" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." The pallbearers were: Messrs. P. W. Carlton, R. Darley, George Mellor, J. F. Gardiner, J. D. Phillips and A. I. Kirkpatrick. Interment was made in the family plot in Royal Oak Burial Park.

Village Dispute In Mexico Ends In Armed Fight

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—Thirteen persons were killed and six wounded Saturday morning in a battle between rival agrarian bands near the town of Venta de Caripo, only twenty miles from Mexico City, in the State of Mexico.

The fight was the result of a long distance agreement between the neighboring villages of Santo Tomas Chiconautla and Santa Maria Chiconauuta over the boundary line of communal lands. Residents met in their respective villages on Saturday night, but could arrive at no satisfactory plan to settle the problem. Armed agrarian bands sallied forth from both villages this morning to fight it out.

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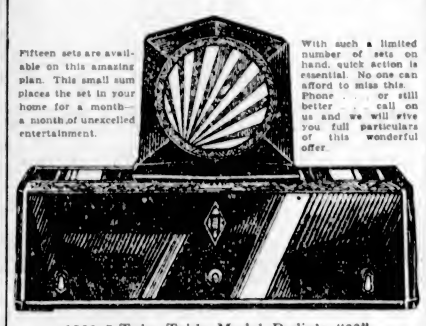

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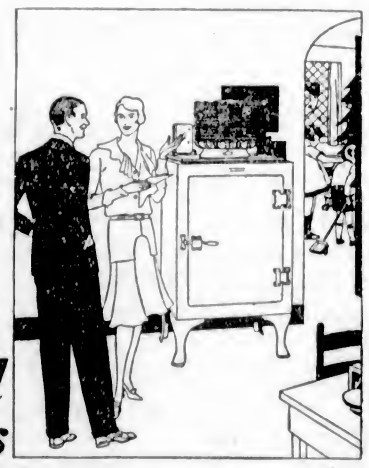

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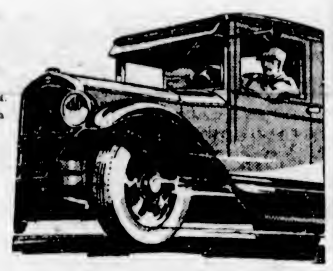

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Mr. A. H. Ball, deputy minister of education, indicated that the Department of Education had received a request from a German school district, asking whether religious instruction could be made in German. Under the school law of Saskatchewan, boards of trustees are permitted at their discretion to provide for religious instruction for one-half hour prior to the closing of schools in the afternoon.

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Among the camps which are closed are those of the Singer interests, on Mount Prevost, and the Bell-McKinnon Road, Somenos.

All the logging camps on Cowichan Lake have closed down, and it is not known whether they will open at the beginning of the New Year. Heavy snowfall accelerated the closing down.

Announcements

Mary McCoy Jameson, soprano, assisted by Harold Taylor, 'cellist, and Ira Dilworth, pianist, in recital, Shrine Temple Auditorium, Wednesday, December 18. Seats, reserved $1.00; unreserved, 75 cents; students (limited number), 50 cents, at Fletcher Bros.' music store.

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Expected Today — Col. T. A. Hiam, assistant to the president of the Canadian National Railways, is expected here from Vancouver today on business.

Early Morning Fire—Fire, which broke out shortly after 6:30 o'clock on Sunday morning at 1214 Fairfield Road, gave the fire department about an hour's work before being extinguished. Damage was slight, to be light.

Takes Apartment Here—Hon. J. W. Jones, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, has taken up his residence in the capital for the next few months. He and Mrs. Jones have taken an apartment in the Willingdon on McClure Street. Mrs. Jones has not been well for some time, but is much improved of late.

Save the Children Fund—Donations received by Mr. F. Landsberg, local treasurer of Save the Children and Near East Relief Fund, for the period November 15 to December 15, are as follows: Miss A. Botell, $5; A Friend, $1; Miss Harte, $2; Miss Macklem, $30; total, $38. Further donations will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Landsberg at 737 Fort Street.

To Welcome Eagle Official—Leading members of the local Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles plan to welcome Mr. Edgar W. Bigelow, past-president of the Washington State Aerie, who resides at Sedro-Woolley, Wash. He will arrive here from Seattle tomorrow, will be entertained in the afternoon and in the evening will deliver an address to the local Aerie and its ladies' auxiliary. As an impressive speaker, his services are in constant demand.

Local Boy In Play—Kenneth Bostock, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bostock, of 638 Battery Street, who is studying drama at the Cornish School in Seattle, is appearing in a miracle play running in the Cornish Theatre for a week—"Holy Night," by Martinez Sierra. Bostock takes the interesting role of a ragamuffin—humorous, pathetic, and whimsical. He does his part excellently. This is his first appearance with the Players, and Mr. and Mrs. Bostock went down to Seattle to see the opening performance.

Mr. S. Howard, president of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, announces that the regular meeting, due tomorrow evening, will be canceled.

Veterans' Column

By A VETERAN

TUBERCULOUS VETERANS

The regular meeting of the Tuberculous Veterans' section of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will be held at its clubrooms, 531 Bastion Street, tonight at 8 o'clock. The executive members are asked to report at 7 o'clock. All members are asked to turn out for this date, as the delegates' report of the Regina convention will be given; also election of officers for the coming year will take place.

PRO PATRIA BRANCH

Members of the Pro Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., are advised to file the names of their children who wish to attend the annual Christmas tree party, without delay.

will be held on January 10, at the

The regular weekly dance of the branch will be held tomorrow night in the auditorium, commencing at 8:30 o'clock. On Friday the weekly whist drive will be held.

The next general meeting is slated for January 14, when nominations for executive positions will be accepted.

The annual dinner of the branch Chamber of Commerce, commencing at 7:15 o'clock.

New Year's Day, January 1, has been set aside for a monster dance in the auditorium of the clubrooms. Dancing will be from 9 to 1 o'clock.

UNDER THE CLOCK

City Hall Activities in Brief

The City Council was yesterday advised that the Municipal Council of Oak Bay had endorsed the proposal suggested recently by Alderman J. A. Worthington, that steps be taken to have the Canadian National Railways make Victoria the home port of its British Columbia Coast steamers.

The officer commanding, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 11th Machine Gun Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps, tendered Mayor Herbert Anscomb and the ten city aldermen the compliments of the season.

The City Council adopting the recommendation of the public works committee, awarded the contract for the disposal of the city's garbage at sea, to the Island Tug & Barge Company, Limited, at $353 per month. This was the lowest tender received.

Dr. H. E. Young, provincial health officer, informed the council of the approval of the Provincial Board of Health of the appointment of Mr. F. N. Shorrock to serve temporarily as watershed sanitary inspector in respect to the Goldstream watershed, as from December 10.

Alderman Eugene S. Woodward, who has been absent from several council sessions owing to illness, was greeted by his colleagues upon his return to the council meeting yesterday.

City Purchasing Agent E. S. Michell requests that all outstanding accounts for 1929 against the city be sent in immediately; also that all material purchased in future be invoiced immediately after delivery, invoices to be in duplicate.

The recommendation of the finance committee that Mr. John Salisbury, who is employed on boulevards under the parks superintendent, be superanuated as at December 31, 1929, at his own request, was adopted by the council.

The council gave approval to City Solicitor H. S. Pringle's draft agreement between the city and Mr. George Dodds, contractor, for the demolition of the Dallas Hotel building. Mr. Dodds will pull the structure down and remove all material.

Alderman James Adam told the council yesterday that the construction of the new grandstand at the Royal Athletic Park was proceeding satisfactorily, and would shortly be completed. The work was well within the estimate of the project. He complimented City Engineer Frank M. Preston on the manner in which the work was being carried out.

Approval was given by the Council to a recommendation of the finance committee to dispose of Lots 23 and 24, Block 15, Section 48, Map 235, Victoria City, to a client of the Empire Realty Company, for $300 on the first named lot and $350 on the second lot.

INSTITUTE TO HAVE BIG YEAR

CONVENTION OF B.C. JOURNALISTS LIKELY TO BE HELD IN VANCOUVER IN 1930

Constitution Altered to Recognize Branches — Victoria and Vancouver Joint Fete

The British Columbia Institute of Journalists will be divided into branches, with a provincial executive committee as a governing body, under an amended constitution which, it is anticipated, will become fully operative during 1930.

It is proposed to call a convention of the newspaper men and women of British Columbia, to take place in Vancouver on Sunday, August 31. Addresses by leaders of the journalistic profession, and consideration of matters affecting the welfare of the journalists, will be important items on the agenda for the parley.

At a joint meeting of executives of the institute, representing Victoria and Vancouver, held on Sunday afternoon in Vancouver, the changes in the constitution, which have been under consideration for a considerable period, were agreed to, and will be submitted to general meetings of the journalists in Victoria and the Mainland for final ratification.

Under the new regulations, the chairman of the Vancouver branch becomes ex officio president of the institute, and the chairman of the Victoria branch ex officio assumes the duties of the first vice-president of the provincial body.

Following the conference the Victoria representatives were guests of the Vancouver branch at a dinner, held in the Hotel Vancouver.

Those who participated in the parley were Mr. H. A. Stein, managing editor of The Vancouver Star, a past president of the B.C. Institute of Journalists; Mr. J. E. Norcross, editor of The Vancouver Star, past-president of the body; Mr. W. F. Findlay, of The Vancouver Sun, treasurer of the Vancouver branch of the institute; Mr. T. H. Wilson, of The Colonist, a past president of the Victoria branch; Mr. Harold McDonald, of The Colonist, chairman of the executive of the Victoria branch; Mr. Leslie Fox, of The Times, secretary of the local branch; Mr. C. A. Sutherland, of The Province, a past president of the institute; Mr. Sydney Scott, of The Institute; Mr. Edward H. Scott, of The Province, a past president of the institute; Mr. Edward H. Scott of The Sun, a past president; Miss Myrtle Patterson, of The Sun, secretary of the Institute; Mr. R. T. Elson, of The Province, a vice-president of the Institute, and Mr. John Graham, of The Province, a member of the executive of the institute

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Vermont Railway Reorganization Given Approval

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. — Approval of the reorganization plans of the Central Vermont Railway was given today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Central Vermont Railway, Inc., a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways, was authorized to issue $10,000,000 of common capital stock, $5,000,000 of series "A" debentures, and $12,000,000 of first and general mortgage gold bonds for the purpose of acquiring the property formerly owned by the Central Vermont Railway Company.

Instead of rushing into print with ill-considered judgments on the precise significance of the British Prime Minister's visit to this country, we prefer to wait until we can read the whole truth in the Moscow "Pravda" and "Izviesta."—New York Times.

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Women's Work and Institutes

Women's Clubs and Societies

W.B.A. Pioneer Club

The W.B.A. Pioneer Club met on Saturday at the home of the president, Mrs. F. H. Laing, Ormond Street. Plans were made for meetings to be held during the Winter. Reports of the visiting committee were received, showing several members sick, and greeting cards are to be sent them; also to absentees. Two new members joined. Mizpeh benediction and refreshments served by the hostess brought the meeting to a close. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Charles, which promises to be interesting. Jeanne Valdez will give a reading; a page of The Ladies' Review, the official organ, will be discussed.

Municipal Chapter

At a meeting of the executive of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., held yesterday morning, it was decided that the shower for the Christmas hampers would be held on Friday from 10 to 4 o'clock, at 1203 Broad Street (next to The Colonist). The hampers will be packed on Monday. Any donations will be gratefully received. Plans were made for a Municipal Chapter "at home," to be held early in January.

Sir M. B. Begbie Chapter

The monthly meeting of the Sir Martin Baillie Begbie Chapter will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at headquarters, Union Building.

Weddings

POOLE-BENSON

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. John's Church last evening, when Rev. Canon Chadwick united in marriage Ruby Gertrude, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. R. Poole and the Mr. Walter Poole, of 251 Government Street, and Mr. Samuel Benson, of Vancouver. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. A. J. Poole, was becomingly attired in orchid georgette with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of mauve chrysanthemums. The bride was attended by her sister, and the groom was supported by Mr. W. Beaton, of Vancouver. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's mother, where a reception was held. During the evening music was supplied by a three-piece orchestra, composed of Mrs. V. White, Miss Buckley and Miss K. Brown, while Mrs. P. Petterson, of Hong Kong, rendered several delightful solos. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. The bride and groom left on the midnight boat for Vancouver, where they will make their future home.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The pupils of the Kingston Street School will present the Christmas cantata, "A Joke on Santa Claus," on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in the auditorium of the South Park School.

TO ARRANGE TREE

Mrs. Cassidy, 464 Garabally Road, will give a Christmas tree again this year. Anyone wishing to contribute is asked to leave donations at David Spencer's, or Terry's Drug Store.

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THOSE who are meticulous about the minor details of dress will appreciate the new handles of umbrellas that may be keyed to bag ornaments, shoe trimmings and even jewelry.

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The crook handle with a bird's head just left of this is of white prystal, while the back repeats the coloring of the silk used in the umbrella, the autumnal color of which is heavily bordered in platinum shade.

Similarly the dog's head handle, right centre, is of prystal, with the silk in solid color, bordered inside in a lighter and contrasting hue.

One of the most convenient ideas incorporated in umbrellas of the season is the cane type that looks not only smart, but can accompany any costume regardless of its color. The cane model illustrated at the extreme right has a craved dog's head handle, with a gold serpentine strap.

This idea should appeal to the women who possibly possesses two umbrellas or, as in most cases, a single one with its ever-present problem of how to make it blend with every color in the wardrobe.

Covers to encase umbrellas are shown in leather and in silk, too, although the latter does not particularly solve the color problem, except when there are clouds without rain.

One of the styles in silk cases is the swagger, shown at the very left of the group. This, you see, is in solid color with a contrasting border, with a loop handle by which to carry it. It provides a suitable setting for the parrot head which handles the umbrella proper.

Nanoose Bay News

Mr. James McKenzie, who has been spending a few weeks at Nanoose, has left for Victoria.

Mr. C. S. Craddock has returned to Vancouver after a short business visit to Nanoose.

Mr. T. Dawson, who has been at Red Gap for the past few weeks, has left for his home in Seattle.

Mr. Benjamin Cook was a recent visitor to Vancouver.

Miss O. J. Rowa spent the week-end visiting at Nanaimo.

Mr. Henry Carter has returned to his home at Nanoose after a trip to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton, of Red Gap, were visitors at Vancouver during the week.

Mr. A. McKenzie has returned from a busines strip to Vancouver.

Miss V. Stewart, of Victoria, spent a few days at Nanoose during the week, visiting friends.

Jordan River News

Mr. H. G. Rough motored into Victoria to attend the wedding of his sister, Dorothy, to Mr. Harold Hansen, which took place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Church, the Gorge, on Saturday, December 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Patt were visiting in Victoria during the past week.

Mr. Henri Perudi, of Victoria, is staying in Jordan River for a short time.

Mr. Malcolm McMillan spent a few days in Victoria during the week.

Mrs. Silverthorne was a recent visitor to Jordan River.

Mr. Calvert Richards was visiting in Victoria last week, and while there attended the marriage of his sister, Helen, to Mr. Stanley Raybone, which took place last Wednesday at St. John's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kirby have returned to Jordan River, after a two months' tour of British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California.

Mr. Silverthorne is spending the week-end in Victoria.

Music Recital

The senior pupils of Mrs. Ruby Moore's piano and violin studio, 3249 Quadra Street, gave their Christmas recital last Saturday evening. Four pupils from the junior class assisted with solos. Betty Llewellyn delighted the audience with a selection, and other pupils showed remarkable talent in both solo and duet work. Those taking part in the programme were as follows: M. Murray, O. Kilby, Georgie Little, H. George, L. Larson, Lloyd Main, J. Fisher, S. Simonds, M. Hembrow, J. Moore, J. Relf, G. Keir and E. Kilby.

Distinguished Singer Here for Christmastide

A distinguished actor and singer, Mr. Alfred Heather, who attained fame as the original "Filch" in "The Beggar's Opera," has arrived in the city to remain over the Christmas season and take part in the Yuletide festivities at the Empress Hotel.

Besides his distinction as "Filch" Mr. Heather has to his credit the by no means negligible achievement of having produced "Polly" in the United States, and more recently, "Hugh the Drover" for the C.P.R. festival at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

During his visit to the city he is a guest at the Empress Hotel. Last night the members of the Authors' Assocation had the pleasure of hearing him sing in the course of its Christmas party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron, Moss Street.

RETURNING OFFICER NAMED BY COUNCIL

Mr. J. R. Collister Will Officiate at Forthcoming Elections in Municipality of Esquimalt

At last night's meeting of the Esquimalt Council it was decided that Mr. J. R. Collister should be returning officer for the forthcoming municipal elections, and that Mr. D. A. Henry should officiate as deputy returning officer. The polling centre will be the new municipal hall.

Regarding a proposal that Victoria be made the home port of the new C.N.R. coast steamers, the council went on record as standing behind the city in support of this idea.

The council adopted the report of the fire and light committee, presented by Councillor Heald, which recommended that one man should remain on duty at the fire station between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., and upon Sundays and holidays.

MUSICAL MAN DIES

SPOKANE, Dec. 16.—Dr. Richard A. Heritage, seventy-six, widely known in musical circles of the Northwest and in other parts of the United States, succumbed to a long illness here last night.

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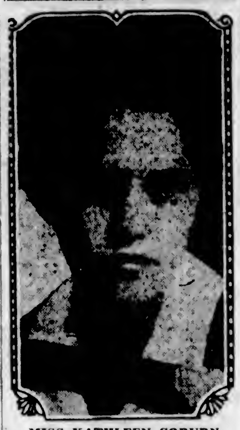

MISS KATHLEEN COBURN

Winner of the Ontario I.O.D.E. Overseas scholarship for 1930-31. She has planned to study for B. Litt. degree in English at Oxford.

COMMISSIONER IN FIELD AGAIN

Captain Sidney R. Bowden, of Esquimalt Police Board, Seeks Re-election

With nomination and election days gradually approaching candidates for municipal office in Esquimalt are coming into the open and announcing their intention. Yesterday Commissioner Captain Sidney R. Bowden, of the police board, stated that he would seek re-election to that office.

Commissioner Bowden has been connected with municipal affairs, especially from the police standpoint, for the past decade, and in 1921 was first elected on the board by a large majority. Ever since that time, with the exception of 1925, when he ran for council and was defeated by a few votes, he has been on the board.

Mr. Bowden is a native of the district, and his long experience has given him a keen insight into police affairs from every angle. It was through his suggestion that the "stop signs" were erected in the municipality. During the past three years he has served on the board under the chairmanship of Reeve James Elrick. Two years ago he was returned to office by acclamation.

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The Elizabethan Quartette in Christmas Music

Mary Frances James, soprano; Josephine Wood, contralto; Herbert Hewetson, tenor; Harold Eustace Key, baritone.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—

Indian Nativity Play

Libretto by Captain Alexander Ramsay. Music by Healey Willan.

Alfred Heather, Celebrated English Tenor.

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The Elizabethan Quartette in Christmas Music

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26—

Dickens' Playlet, "Snowed In"

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28—

Ballad Opera, "Christmas With Herrick"

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30—

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LITTLE PRINCESS GOES SHOPPING

LONDON, Dec. 16. — Princess Elizabeth is very excited about Christmas this year, and it is her great ambition to be allowed to visit one of the big stores herself and do her own shopping. The little Princess already shows a decided flair for realizing individual needs and tastes; she seems to have inherited a little of the Queen's genius for choosing gifts that will really please.

All the royal princes like to do their own Christmas shopping, and they show great diversity of choice. The Prince of Wales usually has a "line" of gifts each year, and this Christmas he is buying a good deal of glass. The Duke of Gloucester prefers to give books, and Prince George likes to spring surprises in the way of amusing novelties.

Salvation Army Makes Appeal to Keep Pot Boiling

ONCE again the busy street corners are a-tinkle with the sleigh bells, which denote a Salvation Army Christmas cheer collection, and generous citizens are doing their best to "keep the pot boiling" by contributing what they can towards the much-needed fund. Unemployment has resulted in a good deal of poverty this year, the officials say; and unless there is a generous response to the appeal, there will be many cheerless homes this Christmastide.

Women's Institutes of Vancouver Island

ROYAL OAK

At the annual meeting of the local branch of the Women's Institute, which was held at the residence of Mrs. J. G. Nicholson, the following officers were elected by acclamation: Miss K. Oldfield, president; Mrs. D. Greaves, vice-president; Miss Kathleen Griffin, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. James Watson, Mrs. C. A. Hersey and Mrs. J. G. Nicholson, directors. It was decided to proceed at once with the new heating and lighting arrangements, and the president and a committee of her own choosing will take care of the same. Tea was served by the outgoing executive and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

WEST SAANICH

The members of the West Saanich Women's Institute held their annual bazaar in the Institute Hall on Saturday afternoon. In spite of the fact that the attendance, owing to the inclement weather, was not as great as was expected, a brisk business was done by the various stalls and quite a large sum realized.

Those in charge of the affair were: Candy, Mrs. C. Atkins and Mrs. Brandon; sewing, Mrs. T. Haddon and Mrs. Anderson; home products, Mrs. Guy and Mrs. Wallace; school stall, Mrs. C. Woodward and Miss Winona Woodward; afternoon tea, Mrs. E. Rochon, Mrs. H. Creed and Mrs. H. Ward; raffles, Mrs. H. Ensor, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. T. Peden and Mrs. L. Overton.

In the evening a 500 party was held, when about eighty guests were present, quite a number from Bamberton. The prizes were turkeys and chickens. Those winning at cards were: First, Mrs. T. Peden, Mrs. H. Creed, Mr. Morley Bickford and Mr. Arnold Bickford; second, Mrs. E. Rochon, Mrs. C. Atkins, Mr. G. Malcolm and Mr. Caldwell; third, Mr. and Mrs. T. Haddon, Mrs. Anderson and Mr. R. J. Freeland.

SCHOOL CONCERTS HELD AT LAKE HILL

The teachers and pupils of Lake Hill School and Divisions III and IV of Tolmie School, Cloverdale, held their Christmas concert in Lake Hill Community Hall on Friday evening with Mr. J. M. Paterson, school inspector, in the chair, and School Trustee W. Tomes representing the school board; also Miss G. C. Wright, principal of Lake Hill School. The following programme was very efficiently carried out by the pupils of the senior and junior divisions: "At the Call of the Bugle," by Division I, Lake Hill; monologue, "The Brat," Ernest Burton; review of the months by Division II, Lake Hill; club swinging; Victor Blanco; Dance of the Paper Dolls, by Division IV; "The Littleman Tiny Tot Wedding;" by Division I, Lake Hill; "The Cotton Pickers," by Division III, of Tolmie School.

Ladies' Musical to Give December Recital

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie have signified their intention of being present at the December recital of the Ladies' Musical Club, which will take place tomorrow afternoon in the concert hall of the Crystal Garden, beginning at half past three o'clock.

The programme promises to be of a very delightful character, with classical and modern compositions presented by the following artists: Dr. H. T. Johns, basso, gold medalist at the Musical Festival here last Spring; Mrs. H. T. Johns, soprano; Miss Gwendoline Harper, pianist; Madame Sanderson-Mongin, monologist, and Miss Beatrice Hicks, accompanist.

At the close of the programme tea will be served.

The Men's Club, the Y.P.S. and choir of the Oak Bay United Church, will present a pageant, "Bringers of Gifts," next Friday evening. About fifty persons will take part under the direction of Mrs. T. Oliver.

Kitty McKay

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM

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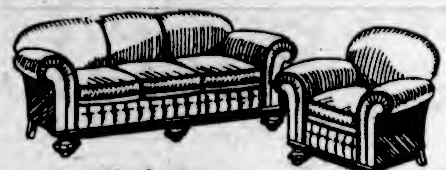

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Mr. J. Tilton, of Lulu Island, Dies

BRIGHOUSE, Dec. 16. — Mr. James Tilton, aged sixty-nine, brother of Mr. John Tilton, former Reeve of Richmond and a resident of Lulu Island for forty years, died early Sunday at his home here. Mr. Tilton spent Saturday in Vancouver and on returning home complained of feeling unwell. He retired and apparently died in his sleep.

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Personals, Parties Visitors

Dancers at Grill

There were more than one hundred dancers at the weekly supper dance in the Tudor Grill at the Empress Hotel on Saturday last, several large parties of guests being noticed. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Goddard gave a farewell party prior to their departure for a holiday tour of the Mediterranean, when their guests included Comte and Comtesse Jean de Suzannet, Colonel and Mrs. Sharland, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Boyd, and Major and Mrs. C. M. Roberts. Miss Nan Eve entertained a party of twelve; Dr. W. E. Mitchell had a party of six; Mr. R. Edgell had eight; Mr. W. B. Lanigan and Mr. H. Dalby entertained a party of eight; Miss Mary Swinerton had as her guests, Miss Frances Lightbody, Miss Claire Vincent, Miss Sybil Fraser, Miss Margaret Pattinson, Messrs. Harold and Stanley Haynes, Mr. Arthur Laundy, Mr. Kyrle Symons, and Mr. John Doig; Mr. Ashburnham entertained a party of ten. Others reserving tables were Mr. J. Hutchinson, Mr. Paton, Mr. H. Brown, Mr. Gropp, Mr. Richard Hocking, Mr. L. Morgan, Captain Lloyd, Mrs. A. L. King, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McLoughlin, Mr. A. H. Lewis, Mr. J. R. Monk, Mr. F. Roome, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Carlson, Lieut. Tisdall. Among other dancers were Captain J. S. Matterson, Miss K. Agnew, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison, Miss Philippa Luxton, Miss Doris Gibson, Mr. H. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLoughlin, Mr. and Mrs. N. Yarrow, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grant, Mr. G. Barton, Captain H. B. Mogg, Mr. J. C. Bridgman, Captain and Mrs. W. Merston, Mrs. R. Tyhurst, Mr. C. Milligan, Mr. E. A. R. Diespecker, Miss Mary Langley, Major A. Swinton, Mrs. Homer Dixon, Miss Maidie Innes, the Misses Mary and Margaret Campbell, Mr. H. Buss, Miss D. Ashburnham, Miss Norma Pendray, Miss M. Bennett-Thompson, Miss D. Drummond-Hay, Miss G. Johnston, Mr. R. Newcomb, Mr. Carlson, Miss Dalby Bevan, Mr. J. Matson, Miss Alyce Baines, Miss Roma Hartley, Miss Moninna McKenna, Miss Florence Cates, Miss G. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Aldous, and Mr. Jack Scott.

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Miscellaneous Shower

In honor of Miss Jessie Dunnett, whose marriage will take place shortly, Mrs. Chappa was hostess at a miscellaneous shower at her home, on Head Street, on December 12. The bride-elect was the recipient of many useful gifts, which were wheeled in by little Pat Chiappa in a decorated buggy. Holly and red and green streamers was the decoration. During the evening Mr. George Roberts, Miss Joyce Thomas and Miss Pansy Dunnett entertained the guests with numerous dances. The rest of the evening was spent with dancing and games. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Ruby Dunnett.

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Society of St. George

A Christmas party, to be followed by a dance, will form the programme to be held this evening at the regular meeting of the Royal Society of St. George, in Amphion Hall. A series of old-fashioned games, especially suited to the young people, has been arranged for the first part of the programme, which will commence at 8 o'clock, following which refreshments will be served by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Dancing will be from 10 to 12 o'clock, for which a good orchestra has been secured.

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Shower for Bride-to-Be

Miss Margaret Taylor entertained on Saturday evening at a bridge shower at her home at 134 Moss Street, in honor of Miss Olive Taylor, who is shortly to be married to Mr. Norman Holland. The invited guests included: Mesdames D. E. Taylor, Newman Taylor, H. K. Prior, Woodward and G. Dyson, and Misses Mae Murie, Marjorie Brown, Thelma Schroeder, Evelyn Smith, Madeleine Priestley, Grace Kelf and Rose Halsey.

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Here for Visit

Mr. George M. Watt, Jr., Soda Creek, B.C., arrived in Victoria Sunday morning on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Watt, 874 Irwin Drive.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spouse, 867 Humboldt Street, announces the engagement of their daughter, Catherine (Katie), to Mr. Gerald E. St. Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. St. Louis, of Stanwood, Wash. The wedding will take place at the Church of Our Lord, Humboldt Street, at 8 p.m., December 25.

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Return from Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Patterson have returned from Vancouver, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Herbert Cansellor. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Patterson and her sister, Miss Mollison, of Glencoe Lodge, Vancouver, who have suffered the loss of two sisters during the last five months.

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Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. D. MacKenzie, 2821 Shelbourne Street, announce the engagement of their third daughter, Frances Harkness (Fanny) to Mr. George Edward Campion, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Campion, 3651 Savannah Avenue, Saanich. The wedding is to take place January 8.

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Visiting in Seattle

Miss Kathleen Ross is spending a few days visiting relatives in Seattle, and will return home tomorrow afternoon.

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Here from Regina

Mr. R. A. Kennedy, of Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, is a visitor in the city, and is staying at the Empress Hotel.

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Return to Parksville

After spending a few days at the James Bay Hotel, Colonel and Mrs. Nigel Bourke returned to their home at Parksville yesterday.

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From Ashcroft

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Marston, of Ashcroft, are guests at the James Bay Hotel.

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From Tacoma

Mrs. E. J. Mathews arrived at the James Bay Hotel yesterday from Tacoma.

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Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hill returned from Vancouver yesterday afternoon.

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Visiting Friends

Mrs. H. J. M. Adams is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, Clive Drive, for a few days.

Married Quietly at St. James', Vancouver

MR. and Mrs. P. H. Harris and their attendants. The marriage took place quietly at St. James' Church, Vancouver, on Wednesday afternoon, when Frances Patricia (Paddy), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wynn Johnson, of Alkali Lake, B.C., became the bride of Mr. P. H. Harris, only son of the late Mr. Edwin Harris and Mrs. Harris, of Gores Point, Rice Lake, Ontario. The bride's attendants were her niece and nephew, Miss Elizabeth and Master Charles Woodward. The bride and groom will make their home in the East.

EXCLUSIVE SHOWING OF RARE FABRICS FROM THE FAR EAST

The Odd Craft Shop Displays Fine Weaves and Novel Bric-a-Brac

The Odd Craft Shop, 722 Fort Street, just above the Ritz Hotel, more than fulfills its reputation as wonderland of interest for the connoiseur in fine handicraft and rare weaves and textures. Artistically displayed is a profusion of fabrics, garnered from every part of the world, together with bric-a-brac and ornaments of unique and delicate design. No article can in any way be described as being "kept in stock" for here is less a stock than a collection of rare pieces, gathered by the proprietresses, Ann Glynn and Ethel Unwin. In some cases the article is alone, unmatched. In other cases, perhaps, two or three facsimiles are to be found; but in every case they are unique.

Mystery and romance are carried from the Far East in the Kashmir pure wool coats. These coats, three in number, are believed to be the only specimens on this continent. Designed for women's afternoon wear, these coats are hand-woven by the Kashmir women, in that vast and little-known area of lofty hills. Hidden from the sight of man behind the veil, or cheddah, they patiently weave the wool, or more properly speaking, the soft down that is procured from Kashmir goat and the yak of Thibet, nature's protection against the intense cold. From the hands of the weavers it passes to the dyers, then back to the women once more to be sewn. The making of a shawl takes from sixteen to twenty weeks, and the making of these coats is proportionately longer. Several of the famous Kashmir shawls are also shown here.

Arranged in unconventional array the Swiss carvings are an entirely separate form of handicraft. Every kind of charming design has been worked by hand upon these novel boxes, jewel cases and stands. Since the middle ages the Swiss have been noted for their wonderful ability in this class of work, which, in these modern times, strikes a pleasing contrast to machine-made articles, turned out by the hundred. Here the same novelties are shown, made in the same way as those the ill-fated monarch, Charles I, made such a hobby of collecting. Novelty music boxes, which, by the turn of a key, will play a mellow tune, animals carved to a wonderful similarity of life, all these testify to the skill these talented Swiss hold in knife and chisel.

A visit to the Odd Craft Shop will more than justify itself, if only for the examination of workmanship, both rare and perfect. ***

Lake Cowichan Socials

Mr. Cecil McMurtrie, of Camp Six, Nixon Creek, has left for his home in Fredericton, New Brunswick, where he will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McMurtrie.

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Mrs. M. E. Bailey and her son, Arthur, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lomas, and attended the children's fancy dress party in aid of the Solarium.

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Mrs. L. D. Green entertained the ladies' bridge club at the home of Mrs. F. Green on Wednesday, when Mrs. Stanley Gordon won the first prize.

Ganges Personals

Miss Kitty Allen, of Ganges, left on Monday for San Francisco, where she will rejoin her brother, Mr. Fred Allen, and where she intends staying six months.

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After two months' visit to Ganges, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mr. L. H. Garnett left on Tuesday for England, where he will spend a few months visiting friends and relatives.

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Mrs. Charles McIntosh, of Ganges, left on Thursday for a few days' visit to Vancouver.

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Mr. Donald Fraser and Mr. Randal Matthews, of Victoria, left on Friday, after a short visit to the Island, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Wilson, of "Barnsbury."

Salt Spring Dance

The badminton dance held at the Central Settlement Hall last Thursday evening, was a most enjoyable function and was attended by about sixty guests, including a large party from Duncan. The hall was exceedingly pretty with its Christmas decorations of evergreens and red paper streamers and bells. The platform was arranged for onlookers, and the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Hague, supplied the music.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Aitkins, Messrs. K. and H. Appleby, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burkitt, Miss Gladys Borradaile, Miss Rosa Birch, Mr. Ted Borradaile, Mrs. B. Cartwright, Mr. Frank Crofton, the Misses Di, Doreen and Denise Crofton, Messrs. Dennis Crofton, Hugh Cox and Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eaton, Miss Ruth Freeman, Miss A. Forward, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. Godson, Mrs. S. W. Horle, the Misses Margaret and Mabel Harris, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. J. D. Halley, Miss B. Kingsbury, Mr. Colin King, Mr. P. Lowther, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. V. Case Morris, Miss D. Moorhouse, Miss Nan Neill, Miss Edna Morris, Mr. Hamish Mutter, Messrs. Fred and Ray Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald, Miss I. Oswald, Mr. Geoffrey Phillips, Messrs. P. and J. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Roberts, Mr. H. A. Robinson, Mr. C. Rudge, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Speed, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Springford, Mr. Eric Springford, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tweedhope, Miss Doris Taylor, Mr. N. W. Wilson, the Misses Lois, and Shirley Wilson, Miss Ruth Walcut, Miss Clair Wilson, and others.

Fashion Fancies

By Marie Belmont

For one so young the fad for lapin is certainly very smart. When you realize how popular this fur is for sport coats, evening wraps and trimming for formal daytime models, it is difficult to realize that it was practically unheard of until this season. To increase its own attractiveness as well as the models complimented by its company, it has developed an impressive number of sartorial tricks. To see how adeptly a few of these have been put over, glance at the sketch above.

There is the generous cape collar, the muff, the decorative bows on belt and cuffs, not to mention the cleverly trimmed hat. It all goes to show what can be done when a blue woolen three-quarter length coat and beige lapin get together.

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TEACHERS PLAN FOR CONVENTION

British Columbia Federation Will Gather in April—Sir John Adams to Be Among Speakers

Sir John Adams, the well-known educationist, has been secured as the principal speaker for the Easter convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, to be held in Vancouver April 21 to 24.

Sir John, who is Professor Emeritus of Education at the University of London, has previously visited this province to speak to teachers. He has had an active scholastic and literary career.

Other speakers to be invited will be Hon. J. Hinchliffe, Minister of Education; Dr. S. J. Willis, Deputy Minister; Dr. G. G. Sedgewick, of the University staff, and Mr. P. H. Sheffield. On the fourth day will be held the federation annual meeting.

Principal Ira Dilworth has been recommended to the executive to respond to the addresses of welcome from public men in Vancouver, headed by the mayor and chairman of the school board.

Collapse of Man Caused by Heart Not Starvation

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Heart disease, not starvation, caused the death of A. Thomas Russell, whose body was found in a cabin on East Pender Street, police declared today.

Russell, who lived at the Salvation Army hostel, Gore Avenue, suddenly collapsed while carrying a load of firewood into the cabin, which is tenanted by Robert Stewart. Stewart told Sergeant Thomas Lawrie, coroner's officer, that he had known Russell for twenty years and that the man frequently suffered heart attacks. Russell, who was obtaining city relief, had a key to Russell's cabin.

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Vancouver Island

BAYNES SOUND FERRY OBTAINS CONSIDERATION

Support Given by Courtenay-Comox Board of Trade to Request of Denman and Hornby Islands

MAY BUY PICTURES OF NEIGHBORHOOD

COURTENAY, Dec. 14.—The importance of an adequate transportation service between isolated places like Denman and Hornby islands was brought forcibly home to members of the Board of Trade at Friday night's meeting in the City Hall, when Mr. Walter Gordon, delegate of Hornby Island Farmers' Institute, appeared in support of the proposed subsidy grant for a ferry service between Denman Island and Vancouver Island. But for the heavy fall of snow Mr. Gordon would have been accompanied by a strong committee from the Denman Island Farmers' Institute.

Mr. Gordon said that the people of Hornby Island were prepared to back the Denman Islanders in this project as they, too, were anxious to see the proposed ferry service brought to a successful issue. At present the islanders were in a tight place, he said, as they on Hornby Island were at the mercy of an unchartered boat, which was not absolutely obliged by law to carry any particular person or his produce if the boat owner did not wish to do so. Mr. Gordon quoted several instances where hardships had occurred on this account.

The people of the islands were anxious to deal with Courtenay, as their logical centre, but reliable boat service was essential, especially to dairy farmers, he said. Anything the Board of Trade could do in the matter would be assisting the farmers, and would also be good business for Courtenay, he thought.

DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT

Mr. J. N. McLeod thought that the request to endorse the project was a very mild one, and assured Mr. Graham of the board's hearty support.

Mr. C. S. Wood pointed out that Dr. MacNaughton, M.P.P., had expressed the opinion that allowance might be made for the project in next year's estimates.

A communication from the Farmers' Institute of Denman Island expressed appreciation for the support, and action already taken by the Board in this matter. The letter also contained applications for membership of six residents of the island, Messrs. William Baikie, H. W. Piercy, John Isbister, Arthur Henley, James W. Piercy and Gavin Russell. Replies were received in connection with the resolution endorsing the Baynes Sound ferry proposal from Premier Tolmie, Dr. G. K. MacNaughton and the Hon. F. P. Burdon, Minister of Public Works.

PICTURES OF DISTRICT

The matter of the purchase of a set of oil paintings of scenes in the district, including views of the Forbidden Plateau, was discussed. An enlargement of a photograph of a similar scene was also on view. The matter was left in the hands of the publicity committee to purchase pictures at its discretion at a sum not exceeding two hunder and fifty dollars. Messrs. A. G. and J. R. Walker were proposed and elected new members of the Board.

NANAIMO COUNCIL TALKS CHRISTMAS

City Manager Plan Again Brought Up in Address on Results Obtained in Other Cities

NANAIMO, Dec. 16.—The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held this evening in the Council Chambers with Mayor Busby presiding.

Mr. T. D. James, secretary of the Associated Society of Christmas Cheer, wrote asking the Council to give permission to Mr. McKinnell to address them in respect to Christmas cheer for the needy in Nanaimo. On motion of Aldermen Ironside and Smith permission was granted.

In addressing the Council Mr. McKinnel spoke of the many needy cases in Nanaimo, there being, he said, sixty-seven last year, and that their board was not as well off financially this year and asked if the Council would donate a sum to help the deserving cases and give them a happy Christmas. On motion of Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Barsby the matter will be referred to the finance committee for immediate action.

A letter was received from Mr. Arthur J. Whitefield, officer of the Salvation Army, stating they preferred to hold a tag day instead of installing the regular Christmas pots on the street as the weather was so uncertain. On motion of Alderman Barsby, seconded by Alderman Smith, permission was granted.

Public Works Manager Shepherd reported an expenditure during the past week of $91.10 on streets and $191.25 on public works. Of the last amount $102.75 had been spent on the new Brechin construction road.

A motion made by Alderman Hart that the cost of operating the pump per hour and per day be tabled for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dixon and carried.

Alderman Ironside gave a very interesting address on the city manager question, reading several quotations from papers where the plan is now already in operation or is about to be tried out. The Council then adjourned.

Some people seem to spend half their lives in borrowing things and the other half in not giving them back.

GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL

SALT SPRING, Dec. 16.—The November report of the Gulf Islands Hospital shows: Patients admitted during November, 8; carried forward from October, 1; still in hospital, 2; number of hospital days, 53. Donations were: Mr. Simpson, tomatoes, books; Mrs. Reid, pears; Mr. Roseman, venison; Mrs. Stevens, pears; Mr. Nichol, apples.

ANIMALS PERISH WHEN BARN BURNS

Five Cows and Two Horses Burned Alive in Gabriola Island Fire

NANAIMO, Dec. 16.—Five cows and two heavy dray horses perished in a fire of unknown origin that destroyed a barn and its contents, including farm implements and twenty-five tons of hay, on the Richard Eastholm Farm, Gabriola Island, at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening. No insurance was carried.

Two trucks belonging to the Provincial Government, used for road-work on the island, were destroyed in the barn.

Broken halter ropes, found among the ruins, were mute evidence of the terrified horses' struggles.

The carcasses of the cows were found near the fastened door, which blocked the only avenue of escape.

Mr. Eastholm, road foreman, was in Nanaimo with his family when the fire occurred.

Fred—I thought you said the water was lukewarm; it was cold as ice.

Ned—Well, didn't it luke warm to you?

A writer points out that most of the confidential posts are filled by Scots. Because they are least likely to give anything away?—London Star.

Interesting Relic of Lost Franklin Expedition Rests In Famous Ottawa Archives

An interesting relic of the ill-fated Franklin expedition in the form of a document discovered by a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on patrol between Dundas Harbor and Melville Island, is contained in the archives at Ottawa.

The officer discovered at Depot Point, Cornwallis Island, a stone cairn which had been erected by Captain William Penny, who commanded the Lady Franklin, brig, in the relief expedition of 1850. Inside this cairn, in a container, was found a document, dated August 8, 1850, signed by Captain Penny, and describing the discovery of the Lady Franklin and her consort, the Sophia, of the first traces of the Erebus and Terror, Franklin's ships. Captain Penny's notes were written on the margin and back of one of the printed forms supplied to ships to be fastened up in a bottle and thrown overboard, for the purpose of ascertaining the direction and speed of tides and currents. The last record of the Franklin expedition was written on the margin of a similar form.

The lines written by Captain Penny on this printed form were as follows:

"H.M.S. Lady Franklin and Sophia, Sunday, August 8, 1850. Lat. 74 Degrees 50 minutes N., Long. 94 degrees W.

"The Winter quarters of H.M.S. Erebus and Terror discovered by the above vessels in the bay behind Beechey Island. Traces of parties found on Cape Riley and the opposite point, as also two or three miles northwest of Cape Spencer. Nothing found near Cape Hotham, nor for twenty miles up that side of the channel.

(Sgd.) "WILLIAM PENNY,
"Commander.

"All the expedition in good health."

On the reverse are the following notes describing the whereabouts of the vessels of the relieving force, and of Penny's two ships:

"Lying low on the west side of Wellington Channel, in clear water, between the two ices. Captain Austin (Resolute) and his tender the Pioneer, seven miles in the pack, warping in towards this water. The American expedition made fast to grounded ice, close inshore. The Assistance (Captain Ommanney) seen off Cape Hotham on 6th inst., closely beset. Sir John Ross left in Union Bay by Beechey Island.

"Should this be found by any party from H.M.S. Erebus and Terror, they are directed to the following places, where provisions have been deposited:

"Mary Point, between Cape Spencer and Beechey Island, where a small deposit of provisions has been left by the yacht Mary.

"Whaler Point, Port Leopold, a large quantity of provisions and a steam launch and fuel.

"Cape Hay, a cask of preserved meats and thirty bags of coal. Look Navy Board Inlet.

"Captain Ommanney, of the Assistance, when last spoken, intended leaving a quantity of provisions on Cape Hotham, due south of this. The intended route of the expeditions if the season will admit is by Cape Walker and Melville Island. The Lady Franklin and Sophia will keep the north shore of Barrow Straits."

RELIEF PARTIES

The Franklin expedition left in 1845. When 1847 passed without any tidings, the Government sent out a relief party under Sir James Ross. This sailed in June, 1848, and was unsuccessful. Another expedition for the relief left in January, 1850, under the command of Captain Richard Collison. A third relief party left four months later under the command of Captain Horatio Austin, C.B. This party consisted of the ships Resolute and Assistance, with steam tenders Intrepid and Pioneer, and Captain Erasmus Ommanney was the second in command. With the party were also two whaling brigs, the Lady Franklin and Sophia, under the command of Captains Penny and Stewart, two successful and experienced whaling skippers.

At the same time an American expedition, fitted out by Mr. Henry Grinnell and commanded by Lieutenant de Haven, of the United States Navy, was sent out to cooperate in the work. Furthermore, Lady Franklin, at her own expense, equipped the Prince Albert, a schooner under the command of Commander Forsyth, R.N., and Sir John Ross, then in his seventy-fourth year, went up in a small schooner, the Felix, accompanied by a little yacht named the Mary. This expedition was fitted out at the cost of the Hudson's Bay Company. Nearly all these names will be found mentioned in Captain Penny's document.

The first trace of the lost party of explorers was discovered by Captain Ommanney, of the Austin expedition, and the graves of three of those who died in Franklin's Winter quarters of 1845-6 were found by Captain Penny, as he records in the document.

FORTY PAINTINGS LEFT UNFINISHED

Mr. James Stewart Carstairs Fails to Secure Hotel Room in Japan

Mr. James Stewart Carstairs, prominent United States landscape artist, arrived in the Royal Roads on Saturday afternoon aboard R.M.S. Empress of Russia, from Yokohama, with the sad story of having to abandon unfinished paintings in Japan valued at $16,800.

Mr. Carstairs, who has made no fewer than ten voyages to Japan in recent years, arrived at Kyoto in October after having reserved a special room in a hotel there. The hotel was full to capacity with delegates to the Institute of Pacific Relations, and his reservation had been ignored. From there the painter proceeded to Nara, but was unable to find a suitable location in which to work. He had forty unfinished paintings sent from China to Kyoto in the hope that he would be able to complete them during the Winter.

One of the largest of Mr. Carstairs' works is a screen thirty feet long and seven feet wide. In the scene Mr. Carstairs had to paint 10,000 cherry blossoms, and in order to make the work more perfect it was necessary for him to have Japanese gather fresh blossoms every two days.

A writer wants to know why a woman of forty never looks much older than thirty. Probably because she makes up the difference.

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Notice of motion has been issued by Messrs. O'Halloran and Harvey, solicitors for Mr. Percy Wollaston, trustee in bankruptcy of Rant & Ker, for a court order declaring the trustee entitled to race track bonds adversely claimed by the Imperial Bank of Canada.

Client: "You seem to treat the poultry better than the guests here."

Waiter: "What do you mean, sir?"

Client: "You seem to leave the poultry unplucked."

NEW ZEALAND SENDS TRADE COMMISSION

Mr. J. W. Collins Will Arrive in Canada Early in Year to Take Up Important Position

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The growing interest of New Zealand and her recognition of the increasing importance of this country as a desirable market for her own goods is demonstrated by the recent appointment of Mr. J. W. Collins as first New Zealand Trade Commissioner in Canada.

Mr. Collins, who is secretary of the Department of Industry and Commerce in New Zealand, a position which ranks with that of Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in Canada, is expected to arrive by R.M.Ss. Niagara, which is due to call at Victoria on January 3. He will establish a Canadian office immediately upon his arrival, and will then study the prospects of increasing New Zealand's trade with the eastern seaboards of the United States.

It is a number of years since Canada was first represented by a trade commissioner in New Zealand, and the present representative is Mr. C. M. Croft, whose office is in Auckland.

Canada's imports from New Zealand have been rapidly increasing in the last three years official figures show a jump in exports to Canada from that country of nearly $15,000,000, an increase of $8,000,000 approximately. Butter exports during this period is largely accountable. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1926, Canadian imports from New Zealand aggregated $2,725,000; in 1927, $13,535,0000; in 1928, $11, 356,000, and in 1929, $17,358,000.

Canadian exports to New Zealand have not kept pace by way of increase with imports, owing to the large jump in Canada's butter importations.

Canadian Tenor Given Ovation in Grand Opera Role

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. — Verdi's classic "Il Trovatore" packed the Metropolitan Opera House Saturday night with an audience which gave a vociferous welcome to a young tenor, Edward Ransomme, English-born and resident of Canada, who made his debut in the title role.

A troubadour of true romantic aspect, he displayed a voice of powerful manly quality, carrying timbre and in the middle registers especially, roundness and firmness of texture. A slight lack of flexibility at the beginning of the evening may be attributed to nervousness.

Radio Programmes

By Courtesy of Radio Doings

Summary of Schedule of Victoria and Other Pacific Coast Stations

(PCT, Victoria, B.C. (425.9m; 630k)—7.30 a.m., the morning market trends from the stock room. 9 p.m., the closing market quotations from the studio. 6-15, radio listeners will enjoy the following over CPCT, rendered by the Sunset Trio Suite No. 1 from "Peer Gynt" (Grieg); an intermezzo, "Twilight," and "Serenade" (Cesac); a serenade, "To You" (Cuibulka); "Tete-a-Tete" (De Koven); "El Deseo" (Nera); "Erotik" (Grieg); "Veise Lente" (Schuett); a collection of airs from the score of the musical comedy, "Sweethearts" (Herbert). 7.15, "What's Doing in Town": Garden Bulletin; the official weather report and forecast; Scrap Book; the West Coast Information Service; correct time signal. 11, the Crystal Garden Orchestra, presented by The Daily Colonist.

National Broadcasting Company—9-9 a.m., Reveille. 9:30-9:45, The Morning Glories. 9:45-10, Betty Crocker Gold Medal Home Service Talks. 10-10.30, Sunshine Rays. 10:30-11.30, Woman's Magazine of the Air. 11:30-11, N.B.C. Philharmonic organ recital. 12-1 p.m., The Novelty Five. 4:15-4:30, Universal Safety Series. 4:30-5:15, Hotel St. Francis salon orchestra. 5:15-5:30, News Service. 5:30-6, Around the World With Libby. 6-7, Eveready Hour. 7-7.30, Cliquot Club Eskimos. 7:30-9.30, Radio-Keith-Orpheum Hour. 8:30-9:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 9-9:30, The Parker Duofold Family. 9:30-10, The Olympians. 10-11, Spotlight Review. 11-12, Musical Musketeers.

KOMO, Seattle, Wash. (325.9m; 920k)—2 p.m., The Wanderers. 3, Ensemble. Perdin Korsmo, tenor. 4, Mining stock quotations. 4.15, National Safety Council. 4:30, Kiddies' programme. 5:15, Mixed quartette. 5:30, Around the World With Libby. 6, Eveready Hour. 7, Cliquot Club Eskimos. 7:30, Radio-Keith-Orpheum Hour. 9:30, Amos 'n' Andy. 9:45, John and Ned. 9, Parker Duofold Family. 9:30, So-A-Tone broadcast. 10, Gold Shield Little Symphony Hour. 11.15, Musical Musketeers. 12, Organ recital.

KFI, Los Angeles, Cal. (468.5m; 640k)—13 noon, Department of Agriculture talks. 12:15 p.m., Federal and state market reports. 3.15, Winnie Fields Moore, travelogue. 3:30, "Phenomena." 3:30, Leonard Van Berg. 3:45, Art Schwartz. 4, Dr. Miller, "Human Nature." 4:30, Big Brother. 5:30, Edwin August, dramatic critic. 5:45, Stock market reports. 6, Eveready Hour. 7, Cliquot Club. 7:30, RKO Hour. 9, Parker Duofold Family. 10, Spotlight Review. 1, KFI News Bureau.

KGA, Spokane, Wash. (204m; 1470k)—11 a.m., Organ recital. 12, News and music. 1 p.m., Master musicale. 2, Radio matinee. 3, Popular melenae. 3:30, Tea Hour concert. 4:30, Uncle Andy. 5, World Book Man and music. 6, Melody Aces; Carrie Andrew. 7, Harry Lonal, baritone; artists' ensemble. 8, Studio programme. 9:30, Dance band. 9, Concert Ensemble; Sidney Dixon, tenor; Agatha Turley, soprano. 10, Request programme.

KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah (265.3m; 1130k)—4 p.m., Amos 'n' Andy. 5, Novelty instrumental and vocal programme. 5:30, Around the World With Libby. 6, Eveready Hour. 7, Cliquot Club Eskimos. 7.30, Radio-Keith-Orpheum. 9:30, Utah Instrumental Quartette. 9, "Out on the Back Porch." 9:30, A Grover production. 10, Claude Kilt's Tavern Band. 11, Request Hour.

KOL, Seattle, Wash. (236.1m; 1270k)—3-8 p.m., Service Hour. 9-6:30, Musical programme. 7-8, Kiwanis Hi Jinks programme. 8-9, Semi-classical programme, Artists' Trio. 9-9:30, Ken Stuart and Ivan Ditmars in "Thirty Minutes of Sunshine." 9:30-12, KOL Frolic.

KNX, Los Angeles, Cal. (285.9m; 1050k)—1:30-2 p.m., The Bookworm. 2-2:30, Records and announcements. 3-3:30, French lessons, Edgard Leon. 4-4:30, KNX Ensemble. 4:30-5, C.P.R.'s Musical programme. 5-5:15, Travelogue. 9:15-9:45, Kiddie Hour. 5:45-6, Town Crier's amusement tips. 6-9:30, Organ programme. 6:30-7, KNX Ensemble. 7-7:30, Talk on "Popular Science." 7:30-8, Recording programme. 9-9, Tom and his mule Hercules. 9-9:30, So-A-Tone broadcast. 9:30-10, Feature programme. 10-12 midnight, Hotel Ambassador Cocoanut Grove Orchestra. 12-1 a.m., Dorado Silver Flax dance hour.

KFRC, San Francisco, Cal. (491.5m; 610k)—2-3 p.m., Happy Go Lucky Hour. 3-3.15, Beauty talks. 3.15-3.30, Recordings. 3:30-4, Educational Period. 4-4:30, Garden talks. 4:30-4:35, Something about everything. 4:55-5, Town Topics. 5-5:30, Modern Melodists. 5:30-9, Edna Fischer, pianist. 6-7, Paul Whiteman's Orchestra. 7-7:30, Sierra Symphonists. 7:30-9, Remar Twins. 9-9, Pacific States Savings programme. 9-9:30, Modern Melodists. 9:30-10, Captain Adams, Harold Dana. 10-10:10, Frank Watanabe. 10:10-12:10 a.m., Val Valente's orchestra and soloists. 12:10-1, Dance music.

KGO, Oakland, Cal. (379.5m; 790k)—4:15-4:30 p.m., Universal Safety Series. 4:30-5:15, Hotel St. Francis Salon Orchestra. 5:15-5:30, News service. 5:30-6, Around the World With Libby. 7-7:30, Cliquot Club Eskimos. 7:30-9:30, RKO Hour. 8:30-8:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 9:45-9, John and Ned. 9-9:30, Parker Duofold Family. 9:30-10, Olympians. 10-11, Spotlight Review. 11-12, Musical Musketeers.

KJR, Seattle, Wash. (309.1m; 970k)—6 p.m., Dinner concert. 6, Radio Nature Club. 6:15, Rickey and Stonewell. 6:30, Fair of Jacks. 7, Agatha Turley, soprano. Sidney Dixon, tenor, Orpheus Quintette. 9, Dance band. 9, Concert ensemble. 10, Los Gauchos Argentinos, Elmore Vincent, tenor; Zac Kalbach, clarinet. 11, KJR Review.

KGW, Portland, Ore. (483.6m; 620k)—2-3 p.m., The Wanderers. 3-4:30, Musical Master Works. 4:30-5, Service Hour. 5-5:30, Stewart-Warner. 5:30-6, Around the World With Libby. 6-7, Eveready Hour. 7-7:30, Cliquot Club Eskimos. 7:30-9:30, Radio-Keith-Orpheum. 9:30-9:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 9:45-9, John and Ned. 9-9:30, The Parker Family. 9:30-10, Frank Doughboys. 10-11, Gold Shield Concert, KOMO. 11-12, Dance band.

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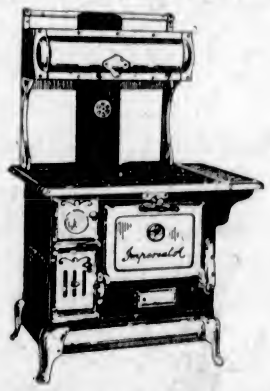

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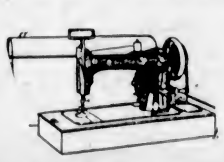

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EMPLOYEES OF POST OFFICE ARE SPEEDY

Efficiency of Local Staff Demonstrated in Sorting and Dispatching Christmas Mails

POSTMASTER ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION

While the demand for postage stamps is at its peak just now, few of the public purchasing them are aware of what happens to their mail matter once it is deposited in the receptacles for the purpose in the lobby of the local post office building. On the other side of the wickets and box partitions, a staff of one hundred and twenty-five clerks and assistants are working at high speed, but without excitement, filling numerous bags with outgoing Christmas letters and packages, and sorting the contents of other innumerable bags of the same character arriving by train and boat for the residents of the city and its environs.

Although there is a great increase in the volume of business at the postoffice during the Christmas season, no extra help can be employed in connection with this sorting and distributing of mail matter, which necessitates much carefulness and considerable training. Although the tables are kept well filled with letters and packages, there is no suggestion of rush, just the impression that everyone is working at high tension in order to keep the reminders of Chirstmas moving.

SORTING SYSTEM

What impresses one most, apart from the demonstration of efficiency on the part of the staff, is the systematic method employed to facilitate the distribution of the mail to all parts of the world. Bags are strung on racks, arranged in sections forming squares outside the long tables, one section being devoted to mail for Ontario, another for Manitoba and so on. Above each bag on the rack is the name of a city or combination of cities. In the Ontario section, for example, there are bags enough for all the principal cities, and a number just marked Ontario. In the latter, the mail for all the smaller towns is placed, going to Vancouver, where, this year, the Post Office Department has detailed a man from Ottawa to sort and distribute Ontario mail, it havproperly in the mail cars en route, properly in the mail care en route.

Outgoing mails on Sunday and yesterday were exceptionally heavy from Victoria, while the arrivals yesterday afternoon were the heaviest so far this season. The incoming mails will get heavier from day to day, and by next Sunday and Monday will have reached their peak, the carrying staff being augmented temporarily with an additional fifteen men from today, continuing until the holiday rush is over.

Routed through Victoria, the local office gets the greater part of the mail for outlying Island points coming from the United States, besides a big portion from the East and overseas, all of which has to be distributed from here, going through the same processes as the local business. For the purpose of checking up and examining parcels from the United States, the Customs Department is now maintaining a staff of examiners in the section where the parcels are handled.

LAST REMINDERS

The postmaster at Vancouver has urgently requested all who are using the post office for the purpose of sending local gifts to mail them, if possible, not later than Saturday, December 21, so as to insure delivery before Christmas Day. Postmaster Gardiner, of Victoria, makes the same request, and again reminds everybody sending remembrances to the United States that there is no Christmas Day delivery in that country. The local postmaster appreciates the co-operation of the citizens of Victoria to date, and hopes they will keep up the good work and make it as easy as possible for his staff.

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"The Arbutus Tree"

(Review of John Hosie's Chap-Book of Verse)

By MARGARET LATIMER

Within recent memory a literary critic of some distinction made bold to suggest that a sense of homesickness was almost essential to poetry, if that poetry was to have any endurance virtue. In that particular instance the critic had in mind what he considered a lack in Canadian poetry. He would surely find the delinquent quality, in just the right measure for good taste, in the poems by John Hosie which The Ryerson Press has collected in a chap-book entitled "The Arbutus Tree—and Other Poems."

It is a small collection—ten all told. But a suggestion of homesickness, loneliness even in the midst of the nature which he seems to love so much, threads its way through the lines and satisfies whatever instinct the lover of poetry has for this element in verse. Without pervading or being an obsession, it is fairly persistent; things of beauty, things of song, have greater beauty and greater sadness because they bring memories of "a little hillside ten thousand miles away, or "vanished friendly faces in the days now overpast and olden," a Sussex down and "a rapt, entranced boy," and all "the glamour of the vanished years and sweet felicities of youth." These are but a few of the lines which occur in "The Old Cabin on the Old Trail," "The Unknown Bird," "Bird in the Mist," and "Anguish," (lines written on the breaking of a friendship).

These are all very beautiful verses. They have the unanalyzable beauty of real poetry, with its elusive something which rests partly in a spontaneous trick of words, partly in a subtle sensibility of thought. The same quality is seen in all the poems, although the mystical note sounds more strongly in some than others. At no time is Mr. Hosie a mere rhymster. He strikes the finer note of the universal and eternal in things, although sometimes in a lighter way than others. The first poem in the book, "The Arbutus Tree" (dedicated to the Hon. Walter Cameron Nichol, himself a great lover both of trees and poetry), has a rich symbolism. The author's reverential attitude toward nature is discovered here, and found again in "A March Sabbath Dawn" and "God's Tapestry," which is a sonnet to an oak tree in the poet's garden. "Auriculas," which has a biographical value as revealing the poet's taste in flowers, has a quite Wordsworthian quality.

Mr. Hosie, Victorians need hardly be reminded, is Provincial Librarian and Archivist of British Columbia, and lives in Victoria. From his old-world garden, one is told in the flyleaf, he enjoys extensive views inland from Victoria over the rugged Sooke Hills. His occasional verses and prose articles reveal him as a nature lover. He recently edited "The Pioneer Women of Vancouver Island," and has made several contributions to the proceedings of the British Columbia Historical Association and to magazines and newspapers.

Historical Association

The British Columbia Historical Association meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Archives today. The subject of the address by Mr. W. A. Newcombe is "Indians of British Columbia." Mr. Newcombe is well qualified on this subject and will show over one hundred slides illustrating the various types and activities of the Indians.

A third-rate theatrical company was giving a performance of a pantomime in which a large number of supers were engaged. The audience was scanty, but noisily unfriendly.

One of the actors at last came to the footlights and addressing them said:

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South: ♠ Q ♥ K J 8 ♦ A J 10 7 6 5 2 ♣ K 8

Auction Bidding

	1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	3rd Rd.
South	1 ♦	2 ♦	Pass
West	Pass	Pass	Pass
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East	Pass	Pass	

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West	Pass	Pass	Pass
North	1 ♠	2 N T	Pass
East	Pass	Pass	Pass

The above hand, that held by South, is given as a protest against unsound original pre-emptive bids. In the actual bidding of this hand, South bid three Diamonds originally; North took out with three Spades, and South bid four Diamonds. South's two bids were a travesty on sound bidding. Had South bid three No Trumps over North's three Spades, he would have retrieved his first error. But no. Having started the bidding, bid so high, he was afraid, not knowing the character or strength of North's holding, to venture three ...mps, and so made a second cowardly bid. I say a second cowardly bid, because his first bid was also cowardly, so made for fear of not having the courage to bid the hand correctly on a subsequent round of bidding should he start with but one Diamond. It will thus be seen that cowardly bidding on the part of South lost North and South a game hand.

SALIENT POINTS OF BIDDING

Auction—South opens the bidding with one Diamond as his holding is not of sufficient strength to warrant either an original two bid or an original high pre-emptive bid. West passing, North takes out with one Spade. East passing, South bids two Diamonds rather than two No Trumps to feel out the strength and character of North's take-out. West passing, North bids two No Trumps, concluding the bidding.

Contract—The bidding in Contract is the same as that given above with the exception that South carries North's bid to three No Trumps.

THE PLAY

East opens the Four of Hearts. The Dummy going down, North figures that unless the Diamonds are all massed in one hand, he should with his Heart and Club entries, be able to establish and make his Diamond suit. West wins the first trick with the Ace of Hearts, and having no sound shift, returns a Heart which North wins with the Jack in Dummy.

North now lays down the Ace of Diamonds and a low Diamond. He does not play the Jack, because the Nine falling from the West hand to the lead of the Ace, shows West with a higher Diamond (or Diamonds), or no more. West winning with the King of Diamonds, now leads the Five of Clubs in an effort to drive out the King in Dummy. North wins with the King in Dummy instead of the Eight, as if the Seven is the highest Club held by East, then West must hold the Jack, in which case North must unblock his Clubs in Dummy to provide for a finesse of the Ten in his own hand as an end play.

North now leads another Diamond (its size is of no importance as there is only one Diamond outstanding, the Queen). East, winning with the Queen, sees the "handwriting on the wall" and cashes in his Ace of Spades at once. Should he lead anything else, North will discard all of his Spades on the good Diamonds in Dummy. So defended, South makes but three-odd, sufficient, however, for game.

NEW ARITHMETICS ARE CONTEMPLATED

It is possible that two new arithmetics will be put into use in the public schools by the Department of Education. These will take the place of the arithmetic by Smith & Roberts (Gage & Company), which has been in use for a number of years in grades III to VI, inclusive.

Two local educationists of the province have prepared new books, one of them adapted for Grades III and IV, and the other for Grades V and VI. This work was carried out by Inspector P. H. Sheffield, from the Interior, and Principal Elmer Brown, of Vancouver.

These two are in the city now with the manuscript for the two arithmetics which have been submitted to the superintendent of education and a committee of teachers who have been going into the matter and suggesting any changes which may be advisable. Following the final decision on the books which have been made to apply in the problems set to British Columbia Columbia firms, cities and centres for the most part, it is likely that the books will be printed and placed on the authorized list.

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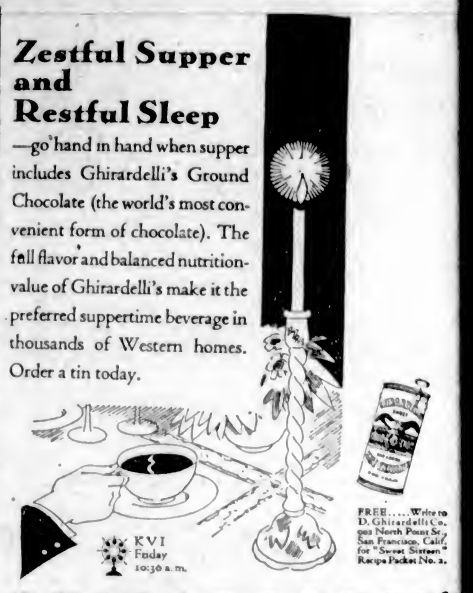

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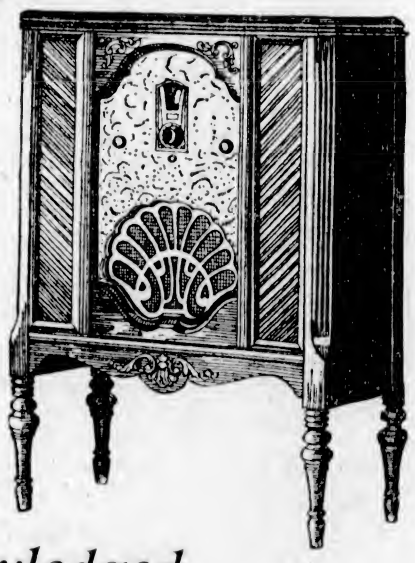

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"Now, it's no use talking like that, my dear," calmly replied the patient husband. "You can't bribe me."

Between Twelve and One

By VERNON LODER

CHAPTER V

From the window Clive Merton saw Mary Glenne cross the end of a lawn and turn towards a path leading back to the farther wing of the house. He stared at her for a moment, biting his lip dubiously, then left the house and joined her in the garden.

When he came up, she was staring at a figure that showed itself before an open window on the first floor. It was that of Mand. He had his back to the window, and beyond him for a moment Clive and Mary had a glimpse of the doctor.

"I wonder what really happened?" said Mary.

"Hard to say," replied Clive in a low voice.

She drew a deep breath. "I do hope they won't think that poor old man had anything to do with it."

"Logard? Why should they?"

His voice was indifferent, but the eyes fastened now on her face were keen enough. She looked up at him.

"He was half mad last night, you know. I thought it was awful when he said it was the appointed time in that dreadful voice. Even if he did do it, they couldn't call it murder, could they?"

"How could he do it?" asked Clive without answering her last question. "He's an old man."

She nodded. "I don't know. I was wondering. You see, there's a ledge along under the windows, and the professor's window was open, they say. And Mr. Cupolis' window was open."

"You mean that he could climb along? Perhaps he could. But the mere possibility isn't enough. Please don't suggest that to anyone else."

"I won't," she said, but you see what I mean. I know we were all very angry with Cupolis. I know two or three made threats. But I don't think they would murder the man, do you? That poor old thing wouldn't, either, in his sober senses."

Clive bit his lip again. "We'll have to leave that to the police. I'm afraid. Let us hear instead how you stand. I know we may all get something, for there must be assets of some kind, but how much it is impossible to judge. If I can help you to put in your claim later, or find out for you what had best be done——"

"It's very good of you, but I couldn't think of troubling you," she said gratefully but hastily. "I am sure my father wouldn't, either. But I do appreciate your thought for us."

He shrugged. "Well, if it is necessary, I trust you will think better of it. We may all be detained here for some time, but I shall give you my address before we leave."

"Thank you," she said. "Do you mean that they may suspect us?"

He nodded. "I am afraid we shall all be more or less under suspicion."

They could not say more, for Smith came hurrying out to them to say that Mand wanted to see them in the library. They followed him to find the secretary talking to some of the other members of the party. When they came in, he stood a little away from the nearest group and addressed them in a slow and nervous voice.

"I am sorry that, to add to the trouble of last night, it will be necessary for you to remain here until the police allow you to go," he announced. "I heard ten minutes ago over the telephone from the chief constable. He is on his way here and spoke from one of the A.A. booths."

"Too bad!" said Corbett explosively.

Mand looked at him deprecatingly. "I am sorry, but what can I do. In the meantime the doctor has made an examination of the body, and is of opinion that death was caused by a wound in the heart, inflicted by a sharp, pointed instrument. From the position of the wound he says that it might have been self-inflicted. On the other hand, from the comatose state in which he found Cupolis last night, due to drugging, he does not feel prepared to swear that it is a case of suicide. The post-mortem may help. I thought it better to tell you this, since you are all naturally anxious to get away."

"Even dead, the man's a trouble to us," said Smith.

Mand nodded, but shrugged. "Well, there it stands. You must be prepared to stand fire when the superintendent comes. I asked the chief constable if he intended calling in Scotland Yard. It appears that he doesn't."

"Absurd!" cried Cramish angrily. "Heaven knows what these country police won't do."

"Well, it is in the hands of the chief constable, and you will have to speak to him," said Mand apologetically. "I think I hear a car now, and must leave you."

Two cars were drawn up opposite the main door. The first car was a private one and contained Captain Shardel, the chief constable for the county, and two other men. The first was tall, genial, with a face that seemed to be always failing to suppress a smile. This was Superintendent Cobham, of the Hindon police. The second was a small, slight, grave man—Sergeant Smith, of the Hindon detective force.

Behind them was a police car. It carried, in addition to the official chauffeur, a thin man with a large camera, his assistant with a big bag, and the police surgeon. Mand received the newcomers, and led Shardel, Cobham and the surgeon to the dead man's room.

"What's this about a crash?" asked Shardel as they went upstairs. He was a military-looking fellow with an impassive face and an abrupt way of talking. "Thought he was rich as Croesus."

Mand shook his head. "It's true. We have nine guests here, and it was a great shock to them. They are all shareholders."

"Poor devils!" said Shardel. "By the way, no one has touched him, eh?"

"Only his own doctor here, whom I called in."

"Has he gone again?"

"No. As a matter of fact, I asked him to have a look at one of the guests, an elderly professor, who was much affected by the shock last night. Ah, here he is. Doctor, you know Captain Shardel, I think?"

The doctor knew most of them, and exchanged a word or two with the police surgeon, who nodded intelligently. The whole party then entered the room.

To the surprise of the police surgeon the body of Mr. Cupolis was still lying over the window sill, where it has been found. He was about to go up to it when the superintendent intervened.

"Odd this, gentlemen. If the wound is in the breast he must have been moved. That is unfortunate. Very! Doctor," he turned to the regular physician, "I wish you had left him alone. But in any case we can't have him moved again until photographs have been taken of his position. I suppose it is relatively the same as when he was first discovered?"

"I was very careful," said the doctor rather grumpily.

"I hope you were," said Cobham. "Some day we shall have to circularize the whole population of these isles and inform them that a dead body must not be moved in a case of this kind."

(To Be Continued)

BOUGHT LIQUOR TO GIVE INDIANS

Permit Shows Purchases of $143 Since November 4—Sentenced in Esquimalt Court

Two months with hard labor was the sentence given James Reid, in the Esquimalt police court yesterday, for supplying liquor to Indians.

Evidence given before Magistrate George Jay showed that Chief of Police Acreman, having observed suspicious circumstances, had, with Constable Hodnett, followed a car which later picked up the accused. On stopping the car they had found that its occupants consisted of an Indian driver, another male Indian, a female Indian, and the accused, who had four bottles of loganberry wine on his lap. The Indian driver testified that he had given Reid $2 to buy the wine with.

The liquor permit of the accused showed that within the last month and a half he had purchased $143.50 worth of liquor. He admitted that, shortly before, he had been penniless and had received public charity; also that he had only worked at odd jobs from time to time since then.

The accused asserted that the Indian had driven him from the city to Esquimalt and back merely to oblige him; that the Indian had lent him the money merely to oblige him, and that he would not have given any of it to the Indian to drink.

FATAL PLANT FIRE

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16. — At lease four persons died today in a fire in the four-story plant of the Thomas H. O'Connor Wastepaper Company in the downtown railroad district. Firemen recovered three bodies from the building and another victim, whose back was broken in a leap from a third-story window, died in a hospital.

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"We won't go home until we get one of those turkeys," declared Mrs. Reddy.

Reddy Fox chuckled. "That suits me," said he. "It may take time to get one, but we'll get one sooner or later. There is nothing like being right on the job all the time. Turkeys roam around in the fields a good deal. Who knows but that we may be able to get one in daylight?"

"I don't care when we get one, whether it is in daylight or at night, as long as we get it," replied Mrs. Reddy. "My mouth has been watering ever since I laid eyes on those turkeys. I suppose we might hide behind this old barn until daylight. Perhaps they will come down and we can get one and run away."

"It won't do any harm to try," replied Reddy. "There's a dog up at that house."

"How do you know?" asked Mrs. Reddy.

"I smelled his tracks last night," replied Reddy.

"I hope he isn't a hound," said Mrs. Reddy.

"I'm sorry to tell you that he is," replied Reddy. "That means that we have got to be extra careful."

"Perhaps," replied Mrs. Reddy. "On the other hand, perhaps it is a good thing."

"I don't see how you make that out," said Reddy.

"Listen, Reddy," replied Mrs. Reddy. "There are two of us, aren't there?"

Reddy nodded. "Of course," said he.

"Well, why shouldn't one of us lead the dog away while the other one gets a turkey?" said Mrs. Reddy.

Reddy looked at Mrs. Reddy admiringly. "My dear," said he, "that is an excellent idea. No one will ever think of two foxes being around at the same time. We'll let that dog see one of us and then lead him away off, while the other remains hidden. Those turkeys are sure to come down and the one who is hidden will have plenty of chance to catch one."

"The question is, who will lead the dog away?" said Mrs. Reddy.

"It doesn't make a bit of difference to me," replied Reddy. "I'll lead the dog away and you can catch the turkey. Or you can lead the dog away and I'll catch the turkey."

"The question is, who will lead the dog away?" said Mrs. Reddy.

"Where will the one who catches the turkey take it to? One of those big birds will be pretty heavy to carry far," said Mrs. Reddy.

Reddy looked thoughtful. "That's so," said he. "Neither of us can run very far with one of those big birds. I'll tell you what it is, my dear, we must prepare."

"What do you mean by preparing?" asked Mrs. Reddy.

"We must find a place to hide that turkey—a place where no one else will find it. Then we can come back when the way is clear and get it," said Reddy.

"Right you are, my dear, right you are," replied Mrs. Reddy. "Let's look around now for a place to hide that turkey. We must know just what we are going to do. By the way, suppose I lead the dog off while you catch the turkey?"

"That suits me," replied Reddy. "Now let's look for a place to hide it."

So Reddy and Mrs. Reddy began to explore thoroughly the farmyard and the nearest woods, looking for a place where they might safely leave a turkey if they should get one.

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The next story: "The Plot Thickens."

A Few Suggestions
For Your
Christmas Festivities

We particularly call your attention to our display of Christmas Crackers, Imported Biscuits, in fancy tins and half-pound packages, manufactured by Peek, Frean & Co., Huntley & Palmer, and Jacob's; also Fancy Confectionery and Chocolates.

Groceteria Cash and Carry

Australian Recleaned Currants, 2 crown, per lb. ..... 12¢
Australian Recleaned Currants, 3 crown, per lb. ..... 15¢
Australian Recleaned Sultanas, 2 crown, per lb. ..... 12¢
Australian Recleaned Sultanas, 3 crown, per lb. ..... 15¢
California Dark Sultanas, per lb. ..... 11¢
California Bleached Sultanas, per lb., 15¢
Sun-Maid Seeded Raisins, 15-oz. pkt. 16¢
Sun-Maid Seedless Raisins and Nectars, 15-oz. pkt. ..... 13½¢
Mixed Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel, per lb. ..... 24¢
Lemon Peel, per lb. ..... 18¢
Orange Peel, per lb. ..... 20¢
Canadian Citron Peel, per lb. ..... 25¢
Italian Citron Peel, per lb. ..... 30¢
Valencia Almonds, per lb. ..... 55¢
Fancy Shelled Walnuts, white meat, halves, per lb. ..... 45¢
Fancy Shelled Walnuts, white meat, quarters, per lb. ..... 38¢
Fancy Shelled Walnuts, white meat, pieces, per lb. ..... 34¢
Jordan Almonds, per lb. ..... 80¢
Jordan Almonds, selected large, lb., 85¢
Clarnico Almond Paste, ½-lb. tin ..... 27¢
Clarnico Almond Paste, 1-lb. tin ..... 52¢
Robinson's Almond Paste, 8-oz. cartons at ..... 30¢
Robinson's Almond Paste, 14-oz. cartons at ..... 48¢
Robinson's Glace Cherries, 8-oz. cartons, at ..... 32¢
Robinson's Glace Pineapple, rings, 12-oz., per carton ..... 44¢
French Glace Cherries, per lb. ..... 45¢
New Season's Sair Dates, 2-lb. bags, 15¢
New Season's Hallowi Dates, lb. ..... 11¢
New Season's Fard Dates ..... 25¢
Dromedary Dates, per packet ..... 19¢
Fancy Table Dates, 1-lb. tin ..... 44¢
Crystallized Ginger, per lb. ..... 26¢
Bitter Almonds, per lb. ..... 75¢
Blanched Almonds, per lb. ..... 90¢
Flaked Almonds, per lb. ..... 95¢
Pistachio Kernels, per lb. $1.35
Large Blanched Brazil Nuts, per lb., 75¢
Shelled Filberts, per lb. ..... 50¢
Fancy Shelled Pecan Nuts, per lb., 95¢
Franquette Walnuts, per lb. ..... 37¢
Large Chestnuts, per lb. ..... 20¢
Filberts, per lb. ..... 16¢
Tarragona Almonds, per lb. ..... 22¢
Budded Walnuts, per lb. ..... 37¢
Wilson's Wonder, the largest walnut grown, per lb. ..... 95¢
Large Brazil Nuts, per lb. ..... 22¢
Medium Brazil Nuts, per lb. ..... 20¢
Schley's Paper Shell Pecan Nuts, lb., 95¢
Mixed Nuts, per lb. ..... 24¢
Blanched Salted Peanuts, 12-oz. pkt., 20¢
Blanched Salted Almonds, per jar ..... 50¢
Smyrna Layer Figs, 9 crown, lb. ..... 25¢
Smyrna Layer Figs, 7 crown, lb. ..... 23¢
Smyrna Layer Figs, 5 crown, lb. ..... 20¢
Smyrna Layer Figs, 3 crown, lb. ..... 18¢
Smyrna Pulled Figs, small boxes, each, 20¢ and ..... 33¢
Smyrna Pulled Figs, 5-lb. boxes $1.30
Assorted Chocolates, 3-lb. boxes ..... 95¢
Clarnico Butterscotch, per pkt. ..... 18¢ and ..... 35¢
Clarnico Fruit Bonbons, 1-lb. tin ..... 60¢
Clarnico Maple Brazils, per box ..... 55¢ and ..... 90¢
French Glace and Crystallized Fruits in fancy boxes ..... $2.00, $3.75 and $6.00
Neilson's, Lowney's, Rowntree's and Fry's Assorted Chocolate Bars ..... 18¢
Neilson's Chocolate Burnt Almonds, ½s, per box ..... 45¢
Keiller's Creme de Menthe, per tin, 23¢ and ..... 41¢
French Creme de Menthe, per bottle, 79¢
French Grenadine, bottle, 62¢ and 97¢
Fancy Mushrooms, fried in butter, per tin $1.00
Strogoff Russian Caviar, 1½-oz. tin, 55¢
3-oz. tin ..... 95¢
French Marrons in syrup, bottle, $1.20
French Quetches in syrup, bottle ..... 92¢
French Mirabelles in syrup, bottle ..... 90¢
French Mixed Fruits in syrup, per bottle ..... 95¢
Brand's English Plum Puddings, per bowl ..... 70¢, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.75
Lowney's Chocolates in Christmas boxes, 1 lb. ..... 50¢
Campfire Marshmallows, ½ lb., 3 boxes for ..... 25¢
McCormick's Toy Truck, containing animal crackers ..... 37¢
Spencer's Graham Wafers, 12-oz. carton at ..... 16¢
Spencer's Ginger Snaps, 1-lb. carton, 20¢

Huntley & Palmer's Biscuits, in small special tins in the following varieties: Palace Assorted, Afternoon Tea, Assorted Creams, Carnival Assorted, Empire Assorted, Gala Wafers, Digestive, Club Cheese, Dessert, Cream Crackers, Rich Gingerbread, Kenya Assorted, Royalty Mixed, Good Cheer Shortbread, Osborne, Argyle Shortbread, Reading Shortbread, etc.

Jacob's Biscuits in special tins, including Golden Puff, Butter Puff, Cream Crackers, Variety, Petit Beurre, Dominion Assorted, Rich Digestive, Family Assorted, Assorted Creams, West End Assorted, Elite, Orange Cream, King's Own, Royal Sovereign, Macaroon, Italian Wafers, Shamrock Wafers, Heather Shortbread, etc.

Peek Frean's Biscuits in special tins. Sovereign Assorted, Afternoon Tea, Bourbon, Duchess Assorted, Academy Cream, Cherry Ripe, Wine Mixed, Clotted Cream, Cream Brazil, Circus, Grand Fleet, Golden Puff, Arcady Wafer, etc.

Caley's and Clarnico Christmas Crackers, per box, 17¢, 20¢, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 60¢, 75¢, up to $3.75

French Crystallized and Glace Fruits in great variety.

Sun-Maid Pressed Figs, 10 oz., per pkt. ..... 14¢
Sun-Maid Black Figs, 8 oz., per pkt., 11¢
Grantham's Lime Juice, per bottle ..... 29¢
Morton's Pure Raspberry Syrup, 20 oz., per bottle ..... 62¢
Welch's Grape Juice, pints, bottle ..... 39¢
Assorted Fruit Wines, per bottle, 35¢, 40¢ and ..... 45¢
Chinese Preserved Ginger, 1-lb. jars, 23¢
Chinese Preserved Ginger, 2-lb. jars, 45¢
Chinese Crystallized Ginger, 1-lb. tins at ..... 32¢
Fresh Texas Figs, peeled, per tin ..... 15¢
Kelowna Comb Honey, in glass, 16 oz. at ..... 51¢
Aylmer Boned Chicken, bevelled tins, each ..... 44¢
Empress Mincemeat, 1-lb. carton ..... 23¢
Empress Mincement, 2-lb. tins ..... 40¢
Empress Mincemeat, quart sealers ..... 59¢
Meltis Orchard Fruits, per box ..... 85¢
Meltis Orange and Lemon Quarters, per 1-lb. box ..... 85¢
Meltis Mecca Figs, per 1-lb. box ..... 85¢
Meltis Jaffa Dates, per 1-lb. box ..... 85¢
Tea Garden Cranberry Sauce, jar ..... 50¢
Tea Garden Lemon Marmalade, 1s, per jar ..... 40¢
Tea Garden Spiced Figs, 1 lb., per jar ..... 45¢
Tea Garden Concord Grape Preserves, 1s, per jar ..... 46¢
Tea Garden Royal Anne Cherry Preserves, 1s, per jar ..... 54¢
Tea Garden Tomato Preserves, with lemon, 1s, per jar ..... 38¢

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BAD CHEQUES LEAD TO JAIL SENTENCE

Alexander McLeod Given Three Months' Term in City Police Court Yesterday

In the city police court, yesterday, Alexander McLeod, alias A. B. Thomas, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretences on December 13. At a previous hearing he had pleaded guilty to another charge of the same kind. In each case the accused had induced a lodging house keeper to cash a forged cheque. Sentences of three months on each charge were imposed, to run concurrently. In giving judgment, Magistrate George Jay observed that he took into consideration the fact that there were no previous convictions against the accused, but that the offence was a serious one.

Constance Martin, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy, and who appeared for sentence, was released on suspended sentence, arrangements having been made for some of her friends on the Mainland to take care of her.

A LONG STAY

"I don't care what you say, young man," said the landlady, "you're not leaving this house until your bill is paid."

"Ah, well," remarked the other, "I suppose that I must make the best of it. What's it like in this town in Winter?"

LEAGUE AIDS MANY CASES

Last Month Social Service League Helped 216 Families With Advice and Assistance

One of the busiest offices in Victoria at this time of the year, and one of the least known, is that occupied by the Social Service League in the Arcade Building, Broad Street. This organization, which is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from citizens and a few local societies, has three objects: (1) To restore, as far as possible, independence and normal life to individuals and families deprived of such blessings; (2) to share in the community's programme for social betterment; (3) to serve as a co-operative centre for agencies interested in the various phases of family and community work. "Service first, relief second," might be described as its motto.

That this service is being rendered in Victoria, and on a larger scale than is generally understood, is indicated by last month's report of the league's activities. During November, no less than 216 families received attention and help. Interviews at the office in the Arcade Building numbered 165; 228 inquiries passed over the telephone; 219 visits were paid by the two trained workers employed by the league, and 106 letters were written.

SERVICE DESCRIBED

Directors of the Social Service League, who include a number of well-known citizens and represent all the leading religious bodies, have authorized for publication the following statement of the work of a modern social welfare organization, which illustrates the character of the service rendered by the league.

This summary appeared in a recent pamphlet issued by the Social Service Council of Canada:

"The most significant fact of statistics in regard to 18,000 cases under the care of ten family service societies in New York, is that only 35 per cent required financial or material assistance, whereas 65 per cent required service.

"It is this service which constitutes the 'overhead' of social work, the cause of so many complaints and inquiries. It is the personal service rendered by the staff members of welfare agencies; the physical examination and medical and surgical treatment of people; the actual assistance in housekeeping, nursing, and sometimes even business management; advising and teaching of women who have never had an opportunity to learn how to cook, how to market, how to nurse or manage a difficult household; the hunting of jobs for others; the finding of foster homes for children; the reconciliation of parents and children; the counselling of a troubled soul during a trying period; the teaching of a trade to a youngster, or the negotiation of institutional care for the aged, the crippled, the defective.

NOT MONETARY ASSISTANCE

"None of this involves the giving of money or material relief to the individual or family; and it is all made possible only by the overhead of social and health work, by rents, salaries, light bills, car fares, telephone bills, office furniture and supplies."

The office of the Social Service League is in room 45, Arcade Building. It is always open to the public, and the inquiries of interested citizens will be welcomed. Donations to the League and its work are acceptable at all times, and may be addressed to the treasurer, Mr. G. R. Chisholm.

Sir Henry Drayton's Father Passes Away

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—Mr. Phillip Henry Drayton, K.C., father of Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, died at his home here early today in his eighty-fourth year.

The Windowless Office

Health Service of the Canadian Medical Association

The need for the value of fresh air is generally understood, but provisions for fresh air are often sadly neglected. In most places, the law requires that every room in a house shall have at least one window opening into the outer air. This law is a recognition of the fact that, if fresh air is to be had in a room, there must be a window in order to provide for an inlet of air and to keep the air admitted cool and in a gentle motion.

In many offices where workers spend hours every day, a series of partitions divides a room into a number of cubicles, which are, to all intents and purposes, windowless rooms. The sun never shines into such partitioned-off spaces, artificial light must be used, and there is no provision for the admission of fresh, cool air in gentle motion.

Partitions in offices are evidently generally erected without serious thought as to ventilation. The resulting windowless offices are not satisfactory; they do not give the workers a fair chance to keep physically fit. The lack of fresh air is a serious matter. Anything which interferes with the circulation of fresh air in offices should never be allowed, because, in addition to jeopardizing the health of the workers, it is not conducive to good work. It is a common experience that, when a room develops a stuffy atmosphere, which means that there is a lack of fresh air, the inmates become drowsy; there is less keenness for work. In a few offices, where such matters as fresh air do receive attention, there are regular periods when all windows are opened and a few exercises gone through in order to keep the workers "on their toes."

The importance of living, working and playing in the fresh air cannot be exaggerated. Fresh air is one of the necessities of life. It costs nothing, and yet it means so much in the health of every individual. There should never be any windowless offices. Better health and better work will result from the provision of fresh air for all workers.

Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

Give Useful Xmas Gifts

Store Open All Day Wednesday

Electric Toasters

Useful Gifts

Nickel-Plated Electric Toasters with cord and plug **$2.25**

Dominion Lady Toasters, nickel-plated, with cord and plug **$3.85**

—Electrical Dept., Lower Main Floor

RAYON LINGERIE

Solves the Gift Problem

Pyjamas, Nightgowns, Slips, Pettinicks and Two-Piece Sets, in dainty pastel tints. Priced at **$1.95**

Tailored Nightgowns in two-tone modernistic or embroidered effects. Each **$3.75**

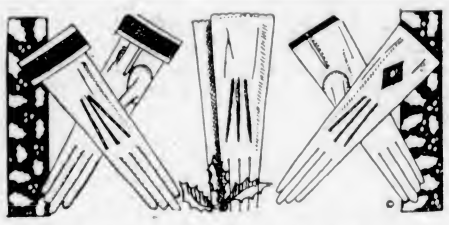
Pyjamas in a range of tailored effects. A pair, **$3.95, $4.95** and **$5.95**

Coolie Coats and Kimonos in many lovely color combinations and styles. Each ..... **$3.50** to **$5.95**

Princess Slips with opera top and the new flared skirt to wear with fashionable frocks. Each **$2.75**

Rayon Skirts in flared style with neat fitted top. Priced at, each **$2.50**

—Whitewear, 1st Floor



WOMEN'S SMART GLOVES

Always Welcome Gifts

French Kid Gloves in a choice selection. Novelty cuffs or plain tailored slip-on style. A pair ..... **$2.50** to **$4.50**

Washable Deerskin Gloves in pull-on or regulation wrist-length styles. Smart and durable. A pair **$2.95**

Fur-Trimmed Chamoisette Gloves, lined with fleece and in gauntlet style. A pair ..... **$1.00** to **$1.50**

Fur-Trimmed Gloves in choice skins and popular styles. All are seamless wool lined. A pair ..... **$4.50** to **$5.95**

—Main Floor

GIFT UMBRELLAS

Umbrellas are really practical gifts and we have a great variety from which to select.

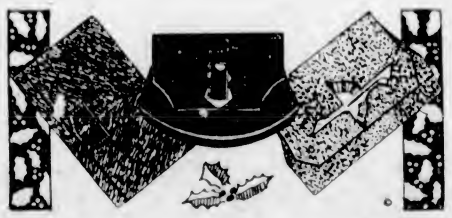
Gloria-Covered Umbrellas in smart shades, some with brass frames. Priced from ..... **$2.75** to **$5.00**

Silk-Covered Umbrellas with attractive handles. Priced at, each **$7.50**

Novelty French Silk-Covered Umbrellas in smart striped designs. Priced from ..... **$10.95** to **$15.95**

Black Gloria-Covered Umbrellas ..... **$1.50** to **$2.75**

—Main Floor



LEATHER HANDBAGS

A Popular Gift Suggestion

Calfskin Handbags of superior quality; assorted colors and styles. Each **$4.95**

Leather Pouchettes and Afternoon Vanity Bags; assorted colors. Each ..... **$2.75** to **$3.95**

Children's Leather Bags in pouch and envelope styles. Priced from ..... **50¢** to **$2.75**

A selection of distinctive and exclusive Handbags, of morocco, pin seal, genuine crocodile, French antelope and calfskin. Priced from ..... **$7.50** to **$29.50**

—Main Floor

Imported Pull-Overs and Cardigans

Fine Silk and Wool Pull-Overs, with round, square or V neck. Plain shades or mixed colors and very smart in appearance.

$6.90

Pull-Overs and Cardigans, plain shades or novelty colors, also modernistic effects. A great selection of colors—with or without collars—V, square or round necks.

$8.90

—Sweaters, 1st Floor

Fountain Pens

A Pleasing Gift for Anyone

Waterman's Pens, priced up from **$2.50**

A selection of good quality Pens at, each ..... **$1.00** to **$1.50**

—Stationery, Lower Main Floor

Boxed Stationery

An assortment of excellent-grade Boxed Stationery in newest designs for Christmas. White or colored. Plain or lined envelopes.

$1.00 $1.50 $2.00

—Stationery, Lower Main Floor

Dressing Gowns

For Women and Misses

Beacon Cloth Gowns, finished with satin binding or cord, and have silk girdle. Many designs and colors to select from. Each

$6.90

Gowns of Beacon Cloth with Slippers to match. Gowns have collars, cuffs and pockets and have silk girdles. Warm shades to choose from. Each

$11.90

Brassieres and Garter Belts

Striped Silk Brassieres in uplift style with inset of elastic in front; narrow shoulder straps. Price **$1.25**

Garter Belts of pink rayon satin and elastic, hooked on the side and well shaped; four narrow hose supporters. Price, **$1.75**

—Corsets, 1st Floor

Children's Hosiery

Golf Hose of medium-weight wool with contrasting turned-down tops. Shown in all the best shades. Sizes 6½ to 10. Priced at, a pair **$1.25**

Girls' Silk Hose with semi-fashioned legs; silk to the garter hem and well reinforced. In all the newest shades. Sizes 8 to 9½. A pair ..... **79¢**

—Lower Main Floor

BEACON BLANKETS

Beacon Bath Robe Blankets, complete with girdle. A wonderful selection in all popular colors. Each **$7.50**

—Staples, Main Floor

GIFT BLANKETS

Pure Wool Blankets in plain colors, checks, plaids or two-toned reversibles; all finished with satin-bound ends. Each ..... **$6.75** and **$9.75**

—Staples, Main Floor

Exclusive Gifts for the Home

TAPESTRY PANELS

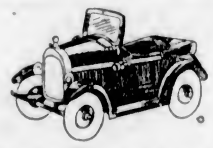
Tapestries that are fine reproductions of old tapestries imported from France and Italy. A fine selection and a choice of many sizes. French Tapestry Panel, 25 x 36 inches. La Bonne Chanson **$8.75**

Le Dernier Coup de Des **$8.75**

Fine Italian Panels, 25 x 50 inches **$7.50**

Many other Panels ..... **75¢** to **$17.50**

—Drapery, 2nd Floor



10 Only, Children's Motor Cars

Values to $13.00 for **$7.95**

Strong, Well-Made Motor Cars, with steel disc or wire wheels. On sale, each, **$7.95**

—Toyland, 2nd Floor

GIFT LINENS

Oyster Linen Luncheon Sets in attractive cross stitch designs. 36 x 36-inch cloth and four napkins. A set ..... **$4.50, $5.50** and **$9.95**

White or Colored Luncheon Sets with Madeira embroidery or appliques. 36 x 36-inch cloth and four napkins. A set ..... **$6.50** and **$9.95**

—Staples, Main Floor

1,350 Yards of Rayon Silk

Plain or Figured. Values to $1.98 a Yard **69c**

36-Inch Figured Voiles, fine quality, in a selection of patterns and colors. Priced at, a yard **$1.49**

35-Inch Velveteen, of strong texture and excellent finish. All shades, including white. A yard **$1.98**

36-Inch Chiffon Velvet, in rich finish, and black. A yard **$1.98**

—Silks, Main Floor

Women's Printed Silk Scarves

A Large Selection at

98c to **$5.75**

Scarves in a great assortment of new colorings and designs; some hand-painted.

—Main Floor

DAVID SPENCER LIMITED

Store Hours: 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.; Wednesday, 1 P.M.; Saturday, 6 P.M.—Phone 7800

Boudoir and Vase Lamps

Boudoir Lamps with glass reflector, designed in metal figures, boy or girl **$2.75**

Porcelain Vase Lamps, very attractive, with silk cord **$1.95**

—Electrical Dept., Lower Main Floor

GIFT HOSIERY FOR WOMEN

Boxed for Presentation

English Ankle Socks of silk and wool mixture, full fashioned and with turn-down colored cuffs. Newest shades. Regular a pair $1.25 for ..... **98¢**

Pure Thread Silk Hose, service-weight silk to the garter hem, well reinforced and square heels, and a wide range of shades. Sizes 8½ to 10 ..... **98¢**

Service-Weight Silk Hose, full fashioned with "slendo" heels, double reinforced at heel and toe. For evening wear. All shades. Sizes 8½ to 10. Regular $1.95 for **$1.65**

Full-Fashioned Silk Hose, service weight to top and perfect-fitting ankles and feet, widened hemmed tops. Newest shades. Sizes 8½ to 10 ..... **$2.50**

—Hosiery, Main Floor

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES

Useful Gifts for the Home

Madeira and Colored Applique Pillow Cases in several attractive designs. Per pair **$3.95**

Irish Embroidered Pillow Cases with hemstitched or scalloped borders. Priced from, per pair ..... **98¢** to **$2.50**

Hemstitched Sheets of fine grade cotton.

Single bed size, per pair ..... **$2.75** to **$4.95**

Double bed size, per pair ..... **$4.95** to **$6.75**

Hemstitched Pillow Cases to match the sheets. Per pair, **85¢** to **$1.75**

—Staples, Main Floor

GIVE A BOOK

An Ideal Christmas Gift

Our stock of Books includes a wide selection from which you may select pleasing gifts for men, women and children. Among them are the following:

"Poems in Praise of Practically Nothing" **$2.50**

"Starry Earth," a book of poems and lyrics by Robert Hazlemere **$1.50**

"Ireland," by Donn Byrne **$1.50**

"Out of a Clear Sky," by E. V. Lucas **$1.00**

"Lambs in March and Other Essays" **$2.50**

"The Angel That Troubles the Waters," by Thornton Wilder **$2.50**

"When Sunlight Falls," by Wilhelmina Stitch ..... **35¢**

"Safari," by Martin Johnson **$5.00**

—Books, Lower Main Floor

Men's Gifts Boxed for Presentation

Gift Ties in a wide assortment of styles, colors and patterns.

Silk Knit Ties, very smart for young men's wear. **$1.00, $1.50** and **$2.50**

Men's Silk Ties in a multitude of styles and patterns. **75¢** to **$3.00**

Men's Scarves of rayon silk, in a range of patterns. **$1.50** to **$2.50**

Men's Gift Braces in fancy boxes, best qualities ..... **75¢** to **$1.75**

Men's Leather Belts with initial buckle, for ..... **$1.00** to **$3.00**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor